Dear colleagues and members of the FEPTO Community,

We welcome you to the first Newsletter after our last Annual Meeting in Tallinn, Estonia, an event with significant success for our organization. We would like to start by thanking the Local Organizing Committee for the excellent and hard work they put into the planning and preparation of both the 14th Conference and the 27th Annual Meeting, hosted in a beautiful venue, the Teacher’s house, in the historical centre of Tallinn! More specifically, we express our gratitude to Reijo Kauppila, Chair of the LOC, from the Helsinki Psychodrama Institute, Pille Isat and Aivar Simmerman from the Tallinn Psychodrama Institute, Endel Hango from Tartu Psychodrama Institute, and all their associates who volunteered for the successful outcome of the events. Your hospitality, your responsiveness and omnipresence made us all feel very welcome and well taken care of!

In the context of the 27th Annual Meeting, a new Council has been elected. The innovation is that, as it was proposed by the previous council and approved by the General Assembly, the number of the Council members decreased from ten (10) to eight (8). In the previous newsletter you can find more information about the rationale of this proposal.

We would like to congratulate the members of the new FEPTO Council for their election, especially the two colleagues who were voted in for the first time, Mirjiana Stojanovska from North Macedonia and Giorgos Chaniotis from Greece, and wish them all a productive and joyful term in their roles as representatives of the FEPTO Community. As representatives of the new FEPTO Council, we would like to thank you very much for the trust you showed us.

We are also deeply grateful to the members of the previous FEPTO Council who have contributed in the proper function of our Organization the past two years, Ana Cruz from Portugal, the past Secretary, Kerstin Jurdell from Sweden, who has served as Chair of the Membership and Annual Meeting Committee, Reijo Kauppila, the former Chair of the Training Committee and Fred Dorn, past Chair of Network and Development Committee. Thank you, Ana, Kerstin, Reijo and Fred,! We will continue learning and profiting by your
expertise and great experience in Psychodrama!

During the 14th FEPTO Conference, titled: “Mindful Action for Development - Learning of Individuals and Groups”, we had the chance to attend interesting lectures and workshops and come in contact with the innovative methods and work of the Estonian and Finnish Psychodrama Community. In the 27th Annual Meeting, titled: “From Creativity to Functionality Prosperous: Members in a Flourishing Organization”, there was a two-fold orientation. Some activities were geared towards the actualisation of various aspects of the function of FEPTO, like for example the Constitution changing or the Ethics small groups and some others aimed at the development of new areas, like the Psychodrama with Children and Sociodrama small groups. The content of this Annual Meeting ensued from proposals from the members and the Council, in this way ensuring that all initiatives are provided the space to be expressed and developed in the context of the Annual Meeting. At the same time, the process of actualizing and improving the function of our Organization that started last year in Pravets, Bulgaria is progressing. The projects of launching an International Psychodrama Journal and also the creation of a database with theoretical resources on Psychodrama are also developing. Overall, both events were remarkably successful and depicted the high level of engagement and interest of the FEPTO members to the “flourishment and the prosperity” of our Federation, in accordance to the title of the 27th Annual Meeting!

Our vision and aspiration, as members of the Council of this highly significant organization, will be to work with all our powers and abilities toward its further development, safeguard its proper functioning and enhance all the new ideas, projects and plans that can contribute to this goal.

We would like to thank you for the trust and the support you have shown us by placing us with your votes in the Council of our Organization. Your votes also illustrate your trust to us. We understand that you wish the continuation of the council’s work in the spirit of co-construction within FEPTO. Your support is indispensable to us!

We remain at your disposal for every issue, concern or idea that you would like to discuss or address to us. We hope to see you all next year, in our next Annual Meeting, in Ohrid!

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