Dear Colleagues,

The topic of the forthcoming Annual Meeting in Pravetz, Bulgaria will be “From Today, Tomorrow: Revisiting the Core functions of our Organization”. This title was decided in our last Council meeting in Dave, Belgium, as we thought that it represents accurately the rationale and the aims of this AM.

Having taken into consideration the feedback of many of our community members as it was documented in the VOICES questionnaire, the discussions we had with many of you and also our personal experience, we designed this year’s Annual Meeting on the basis of revisiting, re-examining and redefining our core functions as an organization. FEPTO has grown up considerably the last years, in terms of the number of its member institutes, the activities and undertaken projects, but also the work carried out in its committees, networks and task forces. This development along with the social, cultural and political changes in Europe and the rest of the world point out the necessity of the consideration of our Identity.

In this Annual Meeting we invite all of you to participate in this process involves and bring your experience, your ideas, your expertise and above all your creativity and spontaneity! We are aware that it is not a brief process that needs time, exchanges, interaction and cooperation in order to be successfully completed. Our goal is to get started in Pravetz and then continue our exchanges online, via the internet platform http://fepto-networking.eu, that was recently launched, thanks to the work of Fred Dorn, chair of Network and Development Committee. There will be a presentation of this new tool in the Annual Meeting.

Regarding the structure of the AM, it was decided that there will be six different small groups that will work on different topics. These topics are closely related, but not identical, to the topics that are discussed in the different FEPTO Committees. Therefore, the responsibility for each group lies with the corresponding Chair and Member of the Council. There is also a group that will focus on the issue of
Psychodrama theoretical context and how this relates to other psychotherapeutic approaches and sciences. The groups and the responsible Council members will be:

1. Training Issues (Reijo Kauppila & Chantal Hanquet-Neve)
2. Ethics, Psychodrama Values and Philosophy (Judith Teszary)
3. Development/ Networking Issues (Fred Dorn)
4. Structure of the Annual Meeting and Conference/ Membership Related Issues (Kerstin Jurdell)
5. Research in Psychodrama (Hannes Krall & Ana Cruz)
6. Psychodrama Theory, Connection with Other Approaches and Disciplines (Krzysztof Ciepliński)

You can find a short description of each group and the issues that are proposed to focus on in the next pages of the current Newsletter. In the registration form, you are asked to state two groups in which you are interested (with order of preference). The number of participants in each group is limited (15-20 persons). Make sure to register early possible, so we can accommodate your wishes.

We wish to all a happy new year and a productive Annual Meeting in Pravetz!

On behalf of the FEPTO Council

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