



The DFP is the German professional organization for psychodrama. It is an accrediting organization with the function, to represent the professional, technical and political interests of psychodramatists in Germany. Among engagement in networking among psychodramatists, training institutes and organizations of PD (like FEPTO) and other methods in Germany and international, the DFP promotes the development and promotion of psychodrama and engages in research and the publishing of books. This task is done in cooperation with the accredited institutes for psychodrama training; these are eight at the moment (see below) and a ninth one is in the state of application. The institutes are cooperative members.



Council 2012 - 2015

The DFP has a council of three executives and 2 – 5 chairs elected for three years. An important executive body is the continuous training committee meeting at least twice a year. Members of this committee are representatives of each institute plus one person of the council and 4 *normal* members elected by the General Assembly. Each elected member has two voices to keep the majority apart from the institutes (9:8). This committee sets the guidelines and standards for psychodrama training and trainers. Every fifth year the accredited institutes are scrutinized to see if they keep the quality standards.

Representatives of the DFP work in FEPTO and FEPTO RC, AGHPT (Association for humanistic psychotherapy), DGSv (German Association for Supervision), DGfB (German association for counseling), GK II (council for a new law for psychotherapy) and others.

Once a year the members meet a day for a general assembly; apart from this there is a yearly conference for all psychodramatists and interested colleagues. The conference is an important place to fulfill part of the tasks the DFP has and is normally a pleasant and inspiring meeting. The last three conferences gave a lot of emphasis to sociometry and sociodrama and so will the next conference in May, which is also the FEPTO conference.

The members of the DFP show a wide spread of professions, among which psychologists, social workers, medical doctors, teachers, theologians and sociologists are the largest subgroups. Accordingly the fields of application are not only social and psycho-therapy but also education (from Kindergarten to university), supervision, organizational development, theater, mediation and conflict management, spiritual development and more.

There are about 5000 psychodramatists in Germany, but only 250 are members at the moment. It is a goal of the next council to win more colleagues. The last conference in autumn 2014 was a good step towards this: 27 new members applied.

The DFP has had some difficult times. It was founded in 1994 while a law to regulate psychotherapy in Germany was in preparation. It was a strong fight to keep psychodrama among the scientifically accepted methods, and we succeeded at least in keeping it among the 8 methods seriously in discussion. But in the end only psychoanalysis and behavior therapy won. At that time the predecessor of the DFP, the "Section for Psychodrama" as part of the umbrella organization DAGG (Deutscher Arbeitskreis für Gruppenpsychotherapie und Gruppendynamik) was for different reasons not able to represent psychodrama on a political stage. A large group of members founded consequently the DFP as inner part of the section, with a construction that was legally problematic and was not appreciated by all members, because the concentration and engagement in the political reorganization of the psychotherapeutical field caused a neglecting of other fields. For 16 years we had two sorts of members: some were only member of the section, most of both organizations. When the DAGG a few years ago decided it's nullification two subgroups moved into different new organizations. To our regret many members left the DFP at that time and others used the opportunity to withdraw because of their age.

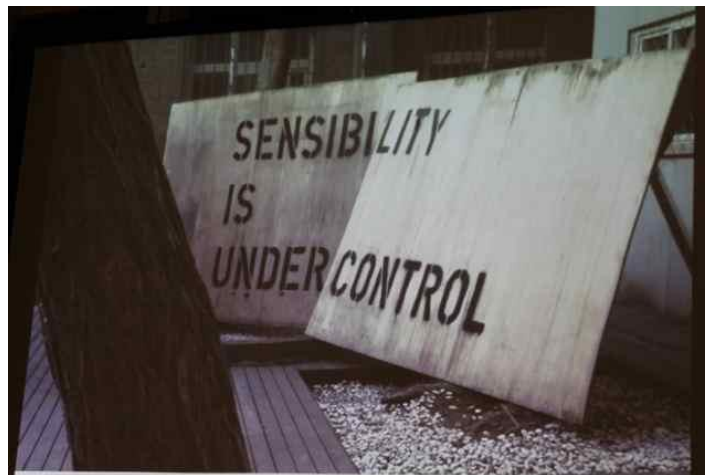
The predecessor of the DFP, the "Sektion Psychodrama im DAGG", was founded together with the DAGG in 1970. During its best times in the 80s the section PD had about 470 members. We will try our best to get beyond this number. To reach this the DFP is on a good way into the future.

Our last conference celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization and Moreno's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday was a great success. The topic was: "Who shall survive? – Justice and living a good life. What is the contribution of psycho- and sociodrama?" We had two lectures, one by Prof. Ferdinand Buer well



Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Buer

experienced in Moreno`s philosophy, and one by a political active woman, Adrienne Göhler, who was minister at the parliament of Berlin and is active in international political art. Buer`s lecture “What Moreno did with his life – Views from without and views from within” has been translated into English and is available at our homepage.



Adrienne Göhler says “Creativity is the resource of 21<sup>st</sup> century “. The next morning we had Maurizio Gasseau as our guest with the social dreaming matrix and afterwards some dreams on stage.



A very touching experience that brought the colleagues closer together and gave an insight on German topics still influenced by the war.

The 8 institutes accredited by the DFP are

- [Moreno Institut Stuttgart](#)  
Gebelsbergstraße 9, 70199 Stuttgart, Tel. +49 711 606707
- [moreno institut für Psychodrama, Soziometrie und Gruppenpsychotherapie gGmbH Endenkoben / Überlingen](#)  
Bahnhofstr. 148, 67480 Edenkoben, Tel. +49 6323 704 0193
- [Institut für Psychodrama Dr. Ella Mae Shearon, Springe](#)  
Bernadette Buthe & Thomas Masselink GbR  
Pestalozzistrasse 15, 30451 Hannover, Tel. +49 511 64 21 76 88
- [Psychodrama Institut Rheinland, Wuppertal](#)  
c/o Jägerhofstrasse 98 · 42119 Wuppertal · Tel. +49 202 252640
- [Szenen Institut für Psychodrama, Köln](#)  
Barbarossaplatz 7, 50674 Köln, Tel. +49 221 6778935
- [Psychodrama Institut für Europa \(Landessektion Deutschland\), Hamburg](#)  
Ordulfstraße 15, 22459 Hamburg, Tel. +49 173 1949892
- [Institut für Soziale Interaktion, Hamburg](#)  
Bei der Christuskirche 4, 20259 Hamburg, Tel. +49 40 43180477
- [Psychodramaforum Berlin](#)  
Giesebrechtstraße 11, 10629 Berlin, Tel. +49 30 88917956

Only one of them is not a member of FEPTO.

To become a regular member you need to be a certified psychodramatists trained at an accredited institute. Students can become extraordinary members. The certificates accepted are psychodrama therapist, pd director, pd therapist for drug addicts, therapist for pd with children.



Play back group "Spiegelbühne" Frankfurt

A former committee of the DFP in the 90s has developed a special curriculum for the training of psychodramatists who work with drug addicts. This was completed by two institutes (Moreno Institut Stuttgart and *Szenen*) and accepted by the governmental organizations who pay for the therapy of

drug addicts. The Moreno Institut Überlingen had another curriculum. Today the activity in this field is with these three institutes.

The DFP supports some social activities. Since 2012 it supports the project "Psychodrama in Gaza" of medico international Switzerland with € 3000 per year and a lot of compassion, though in the beginning there were some doubts, if it could be o.k. that Germans go to Gaza.