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Dear Colleagues and Friends,



Six months have already gone by since we celebrated our organization's 25th anniversary together in Sigtuna. The spirit of mutuality, cooperativeness and solidarity that transpired our last meeting was a major reason for the success of the event. It continued to inspire us during our last Council meeting in Dave, in our work for the preparation of the next Annual Meeting in Pravetz, Bulgaria, as well as all other discussions and ideas on FEPTO matters.

FEPTO has grown and developed considerably over the last years. Its members not only contribute to the development and innovation of Psychodrama, but also work towards its consolidation as an effective and scientifically approved method of psychotherapy. There is also increased activity surrounding the areas of research, definition of training competencies and applications of psychodrama in various fields.

This development, in combination with the recent changes in the cultural, social and political scene of Europe, inevitably reflects on the identity and operation of our organization. During our last council meeting in Dave, we discussed these issues and possible future directions. We tried to reflect and account for the comments, wishes, requests and remarks of each and every one of you, as they were conveyed through the VOICES questionnaires and personal discussions. As a result, we decided that the main topic of the forthcoming Annual Meeting will be the issue of FEPTO's identity and function. We also discussed and chose the title of the event: "From Today to Tomorrow: Revisiting Our Core Functions". The proposed structure and activities at the Pravetz meeting, including the focus of small groups are connected to the topic. On the next pages of the current Newsletter you will find the necessary details. We look forward to your cooperation on this project with hope and excitement.

Before commencing our fruitful work in Dave, we focused on developing a climate of cooperativeness and establishing common ground in order to take our first steps as a new FEPTO Council. Chantal Hanquet and Reijo Kauppila volunteered to warm us up as a group and each one separately to our new roles. For



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two and a half days, we also had vivid discussions about many issues, projects and ideas, on how we can further improve and develop and the Federation. One idea we discussed was the creation and launching of the FEPTO interactive online platform which will allow us to communicate and exchange views on various topics. The platform was the initiative of Fred Dorn, the Chair of the Development and Network Committee. Another important issue brought forth was taking the next step towards the establishment of the International Journal of Psychodrama.

Our successful work was strongly supported by the unique hospitality of Chantal and Pierre. We are very thankful to both of them.

It is important to mention, that during the last month, in collaboration with the European Association of Psychotherapy (EAP), FEPTO has been involved in discussions regarding the definition of a psychotherapist's professional role. This discussion was initiated by the European Commission as part of the emerging official multilingual classification of the European Skills, Competences, Qualifications, and Occupations (ESCO). This document identifies and categorizes occupations, skills, competences and qualifications relevant to the EU market, education and training in 26 European languages. As a Council, we are trying to promote the idea of including Psychodrama on the list of psychotherapeutic modalities approved by the EU. We hope that these efforts will help to strengthen the position of our method in European Society.

2017 has been a productive and creative year for FEPTO and many of it's members. Let's try to continue improving and developing. We wish you a happy and productive New Year, full of health, love, and many psychodramatic (and not only) accomplishments!

We want to thank you ALL once again for your trust, support and readiness for cooperation .We hope to see you all in Pravetz during the next Conference and Annual Meeting.

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