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## EDITORIAL



Dear members of the FEPTO Community,

In a few weeks we will meet again in Pravets, Bulgaria. As it has been already announced, the topic of the 26th Annual Meeting is “From Today Tomorrow: Revisiting our Core Functions”. The topic of the 13th FEPTO Conference that will be held right before the AM, is “The Tree of Life”: Tradition and Renewal.” We are looking forward to attending both these interesting events.

Firstly, we would like to thank the Local Organizing Committee of Bulgaria for the hard and excellent work they have done so far for the organization of those events. The ones amongst us who have already organized Annual Meetings and Conferences in the past, are very aware of the work load that is required for their successful completion. Their contribution is highly acknowledged and appreciated.

We are very pleased to acclaim the FEPTO Student Awards to colleagues who finished their final papers including some well conducted research on Psychodrama and Action methods. Thanks to colleagues from the Awards Committee for their input. We trust that this project will strengthen the mature reflection and research studies on our method among trainees.

The aim of the Annual Meeting will be to review and examine the ways that our Federation operates, to improve further our functions.

Important developments have been made recently in the fields of group work in various settings (psychotherapy, organizations, education etc.), mental health and societies. We deem important to be able to respond as FEPTO to these new challenges as well as to effectively contribute with our experience, knowledge and expertise to the best possible outcome in the new reality that is being shaped worldwide.

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The Training Committee will be held very soon - 27-28th March 2018 - in Tallinn, Estonia, entitled “Psychodrama Trainer’s Core Competencies”.

Through our membership in the European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP), we have been participating in a discussion about the accreditation of psychotherapy as a distinct professional entity and we are also trying to include our method, psychodrama, in the list of approved psychotherapeutic modalities. Creating or strengthening alliances with other organizations and partners has always been in the interests of our Federation.

We will soon have the opportunity to discuss all the issues that concern FEPTO, our future, next steps and other topics that will arise, as always in our fruitful encounters. We hope to see you All in Pravets!

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