

Editorial



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**Dear Members of FEPTO,
Dear Colleagues,**

This year we celebrate our 25th FEPTO Annual Meeting in Sigtuna/ Sweden. We have the pleasure to come back to the country where our professional community had its first meeting in 1993. Initially it was called “International/ European Study and Coordination of Psychodrama Education” (ISCOPE/ ESCOPE), which was changed later on into “Federation of European and Mediterranean Psychodrama Training Organizations”.

We would like to express our gratitude to all our founding members who have built the foundation on which our Federation of Training Organizations in Europe and Mediterranean countries could grow as a professional network. Now 75 training organizations and 9 accrediting organizations in 27 countries belong to our community.

FEPTO has grown up and is flourishing yet at the same time it has kept its young and innovative spirit. Not only new training organizations are joining every year, but also new networks are developing quickly. Psychodrama with children, sociodrama dealing with social issues and organizational learning, research networks and projects, cooperation among universities are just few examples of these dynamic processes in FEPTO.

On the other hand, we have to be aware of challenges, which our community of psychodramatists are facing. We are seeing a diverse and heterogeneous situation in different countries. In some countries psychodrama is well accepted in education and training, social work, organizational and community learning, counselling and psychotherapy. In other countries, it is not recognized and sometimes hardly known, although it has a long history of experiential learning and action methods and it was first in developing group psychotherapy. Obviously, psychodrama needs to push itself further in terms of professional practice, research and promotion in order to get the acknowledgement in society it deserves.

FEPTO is a good basis for that endeavour to discover different fields of practical application of psychodrama, to develop quality of training and a research informed practice. However, FEPTO is more than that. It has a mission, which once Moreno stated as “nothing less than healing the whole of mankind”. Let’s start with the groups and communities we live in and work with. Let’s see which answer we can find for their needs and what we can propose for making the world a better and safer place for all of us.

The **“Vision of psychodrama in the current world: the perspective of inclusion and mutuality”** is going to be our common theme in Sigtuna. We will be dealing with psychodrama and its current development and needs, but also with its contributions for our world in which inclusion and mutuality will guide us instead of competition and exclusion.

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From the very beginning of FEPTO psychodrama colleagues and representatives of our training and accrediting organizations devoted their time and effort in order to provide responsible leadership for our growing FEPTO network. Thanks to all who stood for elections and served as members of the FEPTO Council so far.

Since we are going to decide about a new Council in Sigtuna, we would like to invite and to encourage all of you to stand for the forthcoming elections. All your experience and competence in psychodrama training, practice, research etc. is very much needed and welcomed. We are encouraging representatives of new or “younger” member institutes who want to get the inside perspective of FEPTO life and management. It’s a real good opportunity to get to know our professional FEPTO network in much more detail. In particular, we want to encourage colleagues who are having good language and communication skills and experiences in communication technology. Bring your psychodrama spirit to Sigtuna and help us further develop our professional network and to co-create a common vision of psychodrama in and for the current world.

Looking forward to seeing you in Sigtuna,

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