

Editorial

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our pleasure to announce, via our newsletter, that a new council was elected during the last FEPTO Annual Meeting in Sigtuna, Sweden. We would like to congratulate all the members of the new Council of our Organization, especially the newcomers, three ladies, who were elected for the first time, Kerstin Jurdell from Sweden, Ina Ilieva from Bulgaria and Ana Sofia Cruz from Portugal. Congratulations are also due to the old members to which the trust of our community was renewed, as this was expressed by the June 20th ballot : Chantal Neve-Hanquet from Belgium, Judith Teszary from Sweden, Fred Dorn from Germany, Reijo Kauppila from Finland, Hannes Krall from Austria, and the two of us Krzysztof Ciepliński from Poland and Nikos Takis from Greece. On behalf of the new council, we would like to thank you all for your trust, your support and the honor that you are bestowing upon us, by placing us with your votes in the Council of our Federation. We will try to serve our community in the best possible way.

Before proceeding, we also want to say that we are deeply thankful to the members of the previous council, for their hard and inspiring work, and for everything that they have contributed to our community despite the difficult start of their common journey, in Bonn two years ago. Special thanks are due to Celia Scanlan, for her excellent work on the membership committee and the revision of the process of the application for FEPTO membership, to Milena Mutafchieva for so successfully carrying out her duties as Vice President and being responsible for the content, the elegant layout and the timely publishing of our newsletter, and to Stefan Flegelskamp for being so meticulous in his function as secretary and keeping such detailed minutes of our meetings. Your contribution is very much appreciated. Apart from being excellent in your roles as council members; you are also precious colleagues and friends. We want to also express our deep appreciation to Hannes Krall, the former president, for the effective and competent way he led the council the past two years. He was very effective as a president and many of the new practices he instigated were very successful, and helpful for the well-balanced performance of the council. Finally, the contribution of the other members of the former council, who will continue to participate in the current one, holding the same or different roles, is also very much appreciated.

The transition to the new council coincided with the 25th anniversary of FEPTO. This anniversary was one of the main reasons for which the Annual Meeting and the Conference took place in Sweden: it is the birthplace of FEPTO, where it all began 25 years ago. Interestingly, the topic of the Annual Meeting was the Vision of Psychodrama in the current world: the perspective of inclusion and mutuality. We are pointing out this 'coincidence' because we believe that this return to our 'roots' is necessary for us in order to imagine and have visions about our future as an organization. This co-occurrence of the past, the present and the future was an essential element of our last meeting. By revisiting our past, we also started to reconsider our identity, to contemplate the character of our federation and to start having new ideas, aspirations and visions about our future and where we want to go from here!

This spirit, the new air, we could say, of innovation and reform, transpired through almost all the activities and the work that was carried out throughout the Annual Meeting. As we saw in the distil of the

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work of many small groups, people came out with new ideas about the forthcoming conferences and meetings, creative thoughts about how we can improve our function as an organization, how we can expand, wishes for changes in our institutions and revision of our constitution, questions about the roles of the various committees, network groups and task forces. It seemed that many of our fellow psychodramatists want to be better informed and more actively involved in the function of our community. There are at the moment three subcommittees that have undertaken three very important tasks pertinent to the above : a committee that was formed in Sigtuna, assigned to make proposals about the revision of our constitution, a committee that started working towards the creation of a new code of ethics, and the training committee that has already been working for the past year on a proposal pertaining to the trainer's competencies and training requirements. You will have the chance to read more on these topics in the current newsletter. Of course, all these reformative efforts were not just the result of our last Annual Meeting. They are the outcome of a long process and the dedicated work of many colleagues, who have contributed a lot to our community for many years.

Let us not forget that psychodrama per se was a very innovative and ground breaking method when it was first presented by our psychodramatic father J.L.Moreno. Innovation through creativity is the very essence of our method. It lies at the core of psychodrama.

It was very important that this year, with the occasion of our 25th Anniversary, the International Journal of Psychotherapy made a tribute to Psychodrama Psychotherapy, dedicating a whole issue to this topic. Many colleagues submitted articles for publication to IJP. Unfortunately, not all of them were published. However, the fact that there are so many psychodramatists who are willing to present their work, thoughts and clinical practice is very encouraging. For us, one of our primary goals is to enhance and facilitate the writing and publication of theoretical, clinical or research papers on psychodrama.

Another important moment at the Annual Meeting was the commemoration of Zerka Moreno, the psychodramatic mother and trainer of many of our colleagues. Apart from the sadness that her loss undoubtedly generates, we also feel the preciousness of what she and Jacob Levy Moreno bequeathed upon us; Psychodrama: The spirit of creativity and spontaneity is their legacy and will always remain with us.

Our vision and dream, while in the roles of the President and the Vice President of our Federation is very closely related to all that we have described so far; to safeguard the unobstructed flow of creativity and innovation that have been so clearly expressed lately, always keeping our roots, history and psychodramatic tradition in mind. Once again, thank you for your trust and support.

We are excited as we are about to begin our journey as a new FEPTO board and council. We hope that we will work as a team in good harmony over the next two years.

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