



Committee reports in Pandemic time

Ethics Committee Report

The zoom meetings raise a lot of ethical questions. Most of the ethical rules we already have are applicable no matter which media we use for groups or individual work. Nevertheless, online communication indicates special attention to the basic ethical rules and even brings the need for special online ethics. These are issues we will address at the Ethics Committee meetings. Please contact me and share your thoughts and ideas.

The Ethics Committee has been constantly safeguarding the appropriate use of our Federation's name and logo. Furthermore, it deals with issues related to breaches of professional and ethical integrity. Since the online GA in May 2020 the Ethics Committee has processed three cases together with colleagues.

Case nr 1.

A non-member, misused the name of FEPTO in his Facebook announcement, giving the impression that he is associated with the Federation. He is offering 900 hours online training claiming that his training is following the training standard of FEPTO and that he is cooperating with FEPTO trainers. Only accepted members, institutes & organizations who went through a thorough scrutinization by the Membership Committee and are committed to keeping the training standards and the Code of Ethics can make such a statement.

The FEPTO Council made the necessary measures and asked the person to cease all reference to FEPTO in all documents.

Case nr 2.

A complaint came in that a FEPTO member, who was invited to run a workshop at an institute offered a psychodrama training. The training plans were not accepted, whereupon the trainer contacted directly the participants of the workshop discussing further training with them, without consulting the host institute. This act caused uneasiness in the host institute. The host institute is not a member of FEPTO. No further measures except some advise were taken.

Case nr. 3

A complaint about an institute, who started a psychodrama course at a university, used FEPTO logo in the advertisement.

Please, be mindful about the guidelines concerning the use of FEPTO logo! ([see here](#))

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