

Minutes of the FEPTO General Assembly 4th of April, 2008

Held in Scotus College, Bearsden, Scotland

Start 9.45

1. Opening the General Assembly

- 1.1. Opening of the meeting by Judith Teszáry, chairperson of FEPTO
- 1.2. The Council was invited in front of the plenary and Jutta Füst and Suzanne Kunz were elected facilitators.
- 1.3. İnci Doğaner, chair of the Membership Committee explained the procedure of voting; the candidates will be asked to wait outside the plenary during the voting procedure.
- 1.4. Horațiu Nil Albini took the minutes. Eduardo Verdu and Sirkku Aitolehti would check the provisory minutes that will be presented in the next FEPTO Newsletter.
- 1.5. Arşaluys Kayır and Stylianos Lagarakis were elected as vote counters for the first part of the General Assembly.
- 1.6. Establishing the quorum; current FEPTO membership was as follows: 32 founding members, 10 accrediting organizations and 42 training organizations, of which 3 founding members, 6 accrediting organizations and 25 training organizations were present.

2. Approval of the agenda

- 2.1. The agenda was presented. Announcements for psychodrama conferences, requested by Maurizio Gasseau, Vladimir Milosevic and Monika Westberg are to be made during the 7 Chairs of FEPTO.
- 2.2. Jinnie Jefferies asked about the policy for presentations of the new institutes.
- 2.3. The Moreno House report was to be presented at Research Committee Report. Afterwards the agenda was approved with 59 for, 0 abstentions, 0 against.

3. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly in Alaçati, 27th of May 2007

- 3.1. The minutes of the Alaçati General Assembly were approved with no changes, results of the voting: 59 for, 0 abstentions, 0 against.

4. Chair person report

- 4.1. Annual report of Judith Teszáry, chairperson of FEPTO since 2002 was presented in the FEPTO Newsletter 8.1 (Letter from the President, January 2008).
- 4.2. The Council was open to the suggestions from the Voices of Alaçati. The Committee chairs are working alone and more activity by the committee members is needed. The Council planned and coordinated the work to be done.
- 4.3. A Code of Ethics for Training Institutes was proposed, which is missing in the FEPTO Code of Ethics.
- 4.4. Since FEPTO is growing Judith Teszáry made a suggestion to monitor the organization and create new structures in order to make our common work more efficient. Another question was raised: how FEPTO as a whole can benefit from the works of the network groups and how their actions can be integrated in the overall purpose of FEPTO.

5. Membership Committee report

- 5.1. İnci Dođaner presented the report.
- 5.2. Three new institutes were to be voted by the General Assembly: “Psychodramatic Centre of Personality Development” (Greece), “Norwegian Psychodrama Academy” (Norway) and “Institute for Psychodrama” (Serbia). They were all presented in the Alaçati meeting and in FEPTO Newsletter 8.1 Their papers were found in good order. One of the presenters from Alaçati meeting, The Greek Psychodrama Society was recommended to wait for some more time to have accreditation experience for at least 3 years. They will be on the waiting list of FEPTO membership.
- 5.3. Yaacov Naor proposed that before the voting procedure a short presentation was to be made again, since after one year information are not any longer fresh and need to be updated.
- 5.4. Questions for the representatives of the three new institutes were brought. Agnes Dudler and Ildikó Mävers asked the representatives of the Norway Institute, why its name, Academy covers more than an institute and how does this fits with the law in Norway. Kirsti Silvola and Eduardo Verdu made their comments, while Jana Segula answered the question. This topic was already discussed in the Membership and ethics Committee, together with İnci, Jana, Arne, Arşaylus and Eduardo, and mediated by Judith, previous to the GA. The name Academy is not protected in the Nordic countries.
- 5.5. The missing recommendation for the Institute of Psychodrama (Serbia) from Maurizio Gasseau was received and was read in front of the plenum.
- 5.6. All papers were found in good order and the voting procedure could take place.
- 5.7. Representatives of the voted institutes and guests were asked to leave the room.
- 5.8. The vote for all institutes was secret. The number of valid votes was 59. The results were: for “Psychodramatic Centre of Personality Development” - 56 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions, 3 non valid; for “Norwegian Psychodrama Academy” - 28 for, 18 against, 12 abstentions, 1 non valid; for “Institute of Psychodrama” - 43 for, 1 against, 13 abstentions 2 non valid. The applying institutes were at this moment accepted with the exception of the Norwegian Psychodrama Academy.
- 5.9. Long discussions about the procedure of the feed-back that should be given in the General Assembly followed. The need for feedback was underlined by Norbert Neuretter. The chair of the Membership Committee should write a letter to the Norwegian Psychodrama Academy summarizing the reasons of the voting. (Oded Navé).
- 5.10. Jana Segula was invited in the room and results of the voting were given by Judith Teszáry. Jana asked for a written answer from FEPTO about the reasons for the result of the voting.
- 5.11. Questions concerning the interpretation of the result of the voting rose in the midst of the members. As a result of this questioning Chantal Nève-Hanquet called Pierre Fontaine, who contacted a lawyer in order to have exact information about the procedure in such cases. Is an institute accepted if the “for” votes are more than the votes against or should the “for” yes votes should accede the number of the abstentions and votes against all together. The answer was that taking the Belgium law in consideration of the non profit professional organization, the number of abstentions are not to be counted in the balance of “for/against” votes. As a result of this information a new interpretation of the outcome of the vote was made. Hence the Norwegian Psychodrama Academy was accepted as a FEPTO training institute member.
- 5.12. All the three institutes were accepted. The representatives were invited in the General

Assembly and congratulated.

- 5.13 Six new institutes presented themselves and will be voted on next year: “ISIS Israel: Intermodal Psychodrama and Expressive Arts Therapy Centre” (Israel), “Kibbutzim College of Education, School of Advance Study, The Expressive Therapy Training Centre - Psychodrama Department” (Israel), “LapStreur Social Engineering” (Netherlands), “Institute ODeF” (Switzerland), “Psychodrama Institut für Europe/Germany” (Germany) and “The London Centre for Group and Individual Psychodrama Psychotherapy” (United Kingdom).
- 5.14 “The Institute of Group Psychotherapy and Social Projects” (Russia) did not present themselves and no representative came to the GA, so it was postponed for the next year

Coffee break at 11.30

Resumed meeting at 12.00

6. Treasurer's report

- 6.1. Chantal Nève-Hanquet presented the report.
- 6.2. The FEPTO budget for 2008 was presented (see FEPTO Newsletter 8.1, page 11). For 2007 a benefit of EUR 5255 was reported.
- 6.3. The meeting in İzmir had a very good profit of EUR 4100 and the post conference of EUR 1250.
- 6.4. The FEPTO membership fees, as accepted in Alaçati were: for founding members EUR 90; accrediting/training institutes from Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, Romania) EUR 65, for institutes from Hungary and Serbia EUR 130 and for other institutional members EUR 200.
- 6.5. Discussions: Maurizio Gasseau asked for more budget for the FEPTO website; Norbert Apter asked why the website report was to be presented after the budget and not together with it; Norbert Neuretter stated that if FEPTO wants to be a professional institution, this budget is too low; Peter John Schouten reminded that the work in the Council and the Committees is a voluntary one.
- 6.6. Many thanks to all founding members, training and accrediting organizations who have paid the fees for 2008.

7. Auditors Report/Approval of the revised accountancy

- 7.1. The statement of the auditors was done by Nel Bax and Hans Verdonschot, published in the FEPTO Newsletter and read by the secretary, Horațiu Nil Albini. Apologies were presented from the auditors who were unable to attend.
- 7.2. The accounting system of the treasurer is accurate but complex, it was easier to survey that in 2006, specifications of debtors were given, and the balance gave a faithful representation.
- 7.3. The auditors concluded that there was a good management about the FEPTO finances in 2007, the treasurer was effective in collecting the FEPTO membership fees and advised the General Assembly to discharge the treasurer and the Council for the financial year 2007.
- 7.4. The auditors are prepared to be auditors again for the year 2008.
- 7.5. The treasurer and the Council were proposed to be discharged for the financial year 2007. It was accepted with 59 for, 0 abstentions, 0 against.

8. Training Committee report

- 8.1 Pierre Fontaine could not be present and Celia Scanlan presented the report.

- 8.2 The report was published in the FEPTO Newsletter 8.1
- 8.3 There is a question to be solved: if an institute does not fulfil the MTS by the end of April 2008, what decisions are to be taken. Pierre proposed to have groups of 3-4 people collecting ideas and proposals.
- 8.4 New training standards could be given, but not before 2012, to be collected by the Training Committee in the following year and needing three more years to be implemented.
- 8.5 Ethics in Training: there were two situations mentioned in which the Training Committee needs ethical guidelines - for editing of announcements of our training and for a complain procedure for trainees. The committee is working on the last one.
- 8.6 NAPO and Training for Trainers are work in progress.

Lunch break at 13.00

Resumed meeting at 14.30

9. Research Committee report

- 9.1. Michael Wieser presented the report.
- 9.2. The report was published in the FEPTO Newsletter 7.2.
- 9.3. Michael will step out after four years and is sure that there are good people to chair the Committee

10. Annual Meeting Committee report

- 10.1 The report was presented by Agnes Dudler, chair of the committee.
- 10.2 The topic and the title for the Bearsden meeting were discussed and decided during the Council meeting in Dave taking into consideration the "Voices from Alaçati" The local organizing team with Celia Scanlan as chair did a good preparation of the meeting.
- 10.3 The Voices from Alaçati were presented in the FEPTO Newsletter. From the voices: a bridge could be built between institutes from the same country through the Annual Meeting, to build an atmosphere of trust and cooperation that could help improving relations between institutes, new techniques to be seen and learned, to profit from being together, representing so many cultures, inspiring each others.
- 10.4 Facilitators and lecturers were chosen carefully, respecting the topic and different moments of the day.
- 10.5 The chair wrote an e-mail to all members inviting them to apply for a lecture.
- 10.6 The Annual Meeting Committee chair worked together with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and the Council in preparing the Annual Meeting and Post Conference.
- 10.7 Date and place of the next FEPTO Annual Meeting was postponed for Saturday, the 5th of April.

11. Newsletter Committee report

- 11.1. The report was presented by Judith Teszáry.
- 11.2. Due to personal reasons, Johannes Barz stepped out of the Council; he was replaced temporarily by Judith. The last Newsletter was sent in an electronic format by the secretary to all representatives through e-mail. The feed-back was a very good one. We will keep the new layout with some changes.
- 11.3. In the future we will have only the electronic format, which will save money used for printing. Those who wished to have the paper version will be able to download

it and print it from the website.

- 11.4. Due to her experience, Judith is willing to offer her assistance to the next Newsletter Committee. Many thanks were expressed for her work.

12. Ethics Committee report

- 12.1. The report was presented by Arşaluys Kayır. For the moment there are no members in this committee, invitations were made to join the committee.
- 12.2. The last meeting of the Committee was held in Alaçati, attended by Marcia Karp, Arne Husjord, Maurizio Gasseau, Neşe Karabekir, Bahar Gökler and Ildikó Mävers. This year there was only one ethical question, sent to Pierre Fontaine, about the state of co-leaders. This case gave us the chance to think of this issue and maybe to prepare some special articles about this topic in our own Code of Ethics.
- 12.3. Topic discussed: probable conflicts and role confusion for a leader as a therapist, supervisor and institute's leader.
- 12.4. A working group consisting of Arşaluys, Judith Tészary and Pierre Fontaine was established to answer the EAP questionnaire on FEPTO Code of Ethics.

13. Moreno House report

- 13.1. The report was presented by Michael Wieser.
- 13.2. The private owner of the former Moreno house in Bad Vöslau made a year ago the offer to psychodramatists to buy the house, the garden and the parking slot for EUR 80,000. A building engineer calculated the costs of renovation for EUR 70,000-100,000 we need money for furniture and to run the house.
- 13.3. The next future plan is: discuss the statutes with local tax administration in Baden-Mödling, bring the statutes of the Moreno House Association to the local authority in Baden, which was already corrected by a lawyer; ask people to become member; the founding assembly of the Moreno House association will vote on the Board members; found international advisory board was proposed to be build.
- 13.4. Michael presented a workshop at the IAGP Conference in Barcelona on the topic of the Moreno House project.
- 13.5. At www.moreno-museum.at more information and the bank account for donations
- 13.6. Moreno bricks were available at the Sibiu International Conference "Celebrating J.L. Moreno Personality" and Michael held a lecture in order to introduce the project and to encourage people to be involved in it.

14. Web-site report

- 14.1. The report was presented by Horațiu Nil Albini, including the last minute changes of the web pages structure that was decided during the Scotus Council meeting.
- 14.2. The translation for the main page was ready in German, French, Spanish, Italian, Turkish and Russian, many thanks were expressed for those who have contributed to this: Hilde Gött and Lothar Schäffer, Pierre Fontaine and Chantal Nève-Hanquet, Luis de Nicholas y Martinez, Wilma Scategni and Stefano Cavalitto, Deniz Altinay and Neşe Karabekir, Elena and Vladimir Romek, as well as for those who have contributed to the preparation of different files: Pierre Fontaine, Judith Tészary, Celia Scanlan, and Marcia Karp.
- 14.3. The design was projected using a PowerPoint presentation and functions of different buttons and sub pages were shown, including the photo archive and Publications and Books section.
- 14.4. The downloading of the files had started and the website will be fully functional by

- the beginning of September.
- 14.5. EUR 500 was accepted as budget for 2008.
 - 14.6. The FEPTO membership list will require a password, due to privacy policy, but all other pages will be freely accessed by any visitor.
 - 14.7. The webmaster will have an interactive access for updating and all changes. The purpose of the forum and its moderator was discussed in the Council and needs more clarification.
 - 14.8. Before the official opening of the website, Horațiu Nil Albini will send an e-mail to every founding member and representative of training and accrediting organizations inside FEPTO to announce it.

Coffee break at 16.00

Resumed meeting at 16.30

15. Elections for the new Council

- 15.1. A list of candidates willing to run for the elections was completed during the breaks. The new candidates Yaacov Naor, Gabriela Moita, Zoran Djuric, Oded Navé, Daniela Dragoteanu, Gabriela Nicotra, and Jasna Veljkovic presented themselves.
- 15.2. Jose Luis Mesquita and Stylianos Lagarakis were elected as vote counters and Eduardo Verdu as an observer of the procedure.
- 15.3. Voting for the new Council members took place. The following candidates were elected: Jutta Fürst, Chantal Nève-Hanquet, Gabriela Moita, Celia Scanlan, Agnes Dudler, Daniela Dragoteanu, Arşaluys Kayır, Zoran Djuric, Yaacov Naor, and Horațiu Nil Albini.
- 15.4. The new Council held a first meeting after the GA and the positions was established as follows:

Co-president	Jutta Fürst
Co-president and Newsletter Chair	Horațiu Nil Albini
Treasurer	Chantal Nève-Hanquet
Secretary and European Affairs Committee	Celia Scanlan
Annual Meeting Committee Chair	Agnes Dudler
Training Committee	Zoran Djuric
Research Committee Chair	Gabriela Moita
Membership Committee Chair	Daniela Dragoteanu
Ethics Committee Chair	Arşaluys Kayır
Networking Committee	Yaacov Naor

16. Bearsden by-law

- 16.1. A sentence could be added on the certificates of the FEPTO institutional members: that have already implemented the MTS: "This training is in accordance with the FEPTO Minimal Training Standards"
- The by-law was approved with 59 for, 0 abstentions, 0 against.

17. Any other business

- 17.1. Many thanks were given to the work of the Council members and to the members that were retiring from the board: Judith Teszáry, Pierre Fontaine, Michael Wieser, İnci Doğaner, and Johannes Barz.
- 17.2. Judith proposed that, in future, at least 50 % of the Council would have to stand up for new elections, in order to assure a stability and continuity of the work. .

- 17.3. A group of Senior Consultants was proposed, consisting of former chairs of different Committees.
- 17.4. Galabina Tarashoeva asked about the EAP standards and if the FEPTO standards are not lower than these.
- 17.5. Maurizio Gasseau made an announcement about the 2009 Rome IAGP Conference “Groups in a Time of Conflict” and Manuela Maciel about the second international conference of sociodrama “Shadows of Society”.

The meeting closed at 17.00

Horățiu Nil Albini
FEPTO secretary