

The board met in Zurich in early October. The new members, Prof. Sabine Herpertz (Heidelberg) and Prof. Stephan Zipfel (Tübingen), were introduced in person. Prof. David Orlinsky (Chicago) had been intensely involved in an email discussion about the issues to be treated before the meeting. Prof. Orlinsky will be vice president, Prof. Herpertz will be general secretary, Prof. Zipfel will be editor of the newsletter.

The topics of the board meeting, in short:

The secretariat will remain with Mrs. Erpenbeck in Zurich.

The finances are solid.

Applications by two new individual members and an association (Institute of Relational Psychotherapy; Prof. Avila, Spain) for membership have been approved. Gerhard Grobler, Alfried Längle, Mechthild Neises and Fritz Hohagen will be new council members.

The IFP will collaborate for the Deutsche Kongress für Psychosomatische Medizin und Psychotherapie, March 23–26, 2011, in Essen.

There will be a collaboration with Dr. Sutanto (Indonesia) on the organization of psychotherapy training for psychiatrists and other professionals.

Locations under discussion for the 2014 IFP conference are Shanghai and South Africa.

The engagement of the IFP in research shall be strengthened: a research award will be created; the precise form is still under discussion in the council. A new form of membership has been proposed for psychotherapy researchers; a concrete proposal will be elaborated and discussed with the council. There is a plan to install a research committee.

Former president Prof. Ueli Schnyder will represent the IFP in the Philippine Psychiatric Association and the Asia Pacific Association for Psychotherapists in Manila at the end of January 2011.

The upcoming conference of the Society for Psychotherapy Research – organized by IFP president Franz Caspar in Bern, Switzerland, from June 29 to July 2, 2011 – will include a struc-

tured discussion including IFP members Margarete Haass-Wiesegart (Heidelberg), Limas Sutanto (Indonesia) and Jian Qiu (China). Here is the abstract: 'Psychotherapy is by far not spread evenly over the world. For example, until recently China, a country with a multi-million population undergoing rapid change with much tension also for the individual, had only 200 certified psychotherapists, in spite of a long history of contact with psychotherapy. What kind of psychotherapy would be needed as a solid basis for building up psychotherapy delivery in such countries, what kind of research can be done by established psychotherapy researchers from other countries, what kind of research can be done by psychotherapists working in these countries? This is, apart from practical and methodological questions, of course also a question of culture.' Any comments on what aspects should be covered in this discussion are welcome (caspar@psy.unibe.ch).

Finally, as always, all our members, meaning individual members of the IFP as well as individual members of associations who have membership status with the IFP, are offered the IFP's official journal, *Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics*, at a substantially reduced subscription rate. For details, please contact S. Karger directly at:

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