The Board of the International Federation for Psychotherapy (IFP) has been keeping a lookout for an affiliation with a first-rate psychotherapeutic journal for some time. Now, with the beginning of 2004, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics is the IFP’s official journal. Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics does not only comply with refined scientific standards, it is a journal which has kept a vital drive in many fields of current research on psychotherapeutic models and medication. I therefore consider Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics and its Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Giovanni A. Fava, as well-suited partners in our further endeavours to advance and implant the IFP in the scientific community of psychotherapists, and we look forward very much, indeed, to this forthcoming cooperation.

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Over the last couple of months, the IFP Board took a number of steps towards positioning and strengthening our Federation as a worldwide professional body that aims at promoting and maintaining high professional standards of psychotherapy both in clinical practice and in research:

- The following distinguished colleagues have been appointed as new members of the Council of IFP:
  - Prof. Giovanni A. Fava, MD, Head of the Department of Psychology, University of Bologna, Italy
  - Prof. Klaus Grawe, PhD, Head of the Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy, University of Berne, Switzerland
  - Dr. Douglas Kong, MD, Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Singapore, President of the Asian Pacific Association of Psychotherapists (APAP)

- We have decided on the IFP’s new external appearance: from now on, the news page in Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics as well as our newsletters will come in this new, fresh look. We want our new logo to convey the main aims of this Federation, namely promoting and maintaining high professional standards of psychotherapy in both clinical practice and research, strengthening psychotherapy as an academic, evidence-based profession and fostering a worldwide intercultural, interdisciplinary dialogue and mutual learning among psychotherapists and psychotherapy researchers.

- Our website is currently being completely redesigned. To this end, we have contracted a web designer who will undertake this reconstruction over the following two months. Starting end of January, 2004, please visit us at http://www.ifp.cc

I am looking forward to a fruitful collaboration between one of the oldest professional associations in the field of psychotherapy on the one hand and one of the most distinguished, high-impact, scientific journals on the other!

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Mind, Brain and Psychotherapy

European Congress for Psychotherapy, organised by the NVP (Dutch Society for Psychotherapy) under the auspices of the IFP, November 26–27, 2004, in Amsterdam (the Netherlands)

Both in science and in clinical practice co-operation between disciplines is evidently very important. The fields of psychology and psychotherapy are no exception to this. There is a great future for the development of psychotherapy if it takes advantage of the results which are found in neuroscience and biology. On the other hand, biology and especially neuroscience can take advantage of results of research in psychology and psychotherapy. The dialogue between both branches is the main theme of this conference.

On the first day, the development and results of research on the theme ‘Mind, Brain and Psychotherapy’ will be central in keynote lectures and in workshops, lectures and poster sessions. Mark Solms, who published about neuroscience and aspects of the inner world (dreams etc.), and Klaus Grawe, professor at the university of Berne (Switzerland), who published about a theory of psychotherapy based on neuroscience, are keynote speakers.

The second day, November 27, is dedicated to clinical practices such as schedule-focused psychotherapy, transference-focused psychotherapy, psychotrauma, psychotherapy research and psychotherapy for children and adolescents. Symposia will be held by Ulrich Schnyder, professor in Zurich, Manfred Beutel (Germany), Frank Yeomans (USA), Arnout Arnts (the Netherlands), Frits Boer (the Netherlands) and Wim Trijsburg (the Netherlands).

The congress is held in the RAI Congress Centre, close to the centre of the beautiful city of Amsterdam. There will be an attractive social programme, and you can visit the famous Concertgebouw and the museums of Amsterdam.

The Dutch fellow psychotherapists will be there to inform you about the state of the art of psychotherapy in the Netherlands, and we hope that many colleagues from other European countries will inform the Dutch psychotherapists about the situation of psychotherapy in their countries.

From December 19, a website has been available: www.epcamsterdam2004.nl. The call for papers has gone out at the end of December. The organising Committee hopes that many colleagues from many European countries will send their proposals to Amsterdam.

The organising Committee of the Second European Congress of Psychotherapy:

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