

Results from ISBP General Meeting

April 5, 2003

Lisbon, Portugal

1. The minutes from the previous General Meeting in Bulluno were approved.
2. The amount of the International Fee to be paid was discussed. The Teaching Fellow meeting of June 23, 2002 had suggested increasing the fee by 10E to help fund further research. After much discussion including that the European chapters pay a national, European, and International fee, it was decided to keep the fee at 15E. Teaching Fellows within each local chapter are supposed to discuss the research that has been done and the need for further research with other members so that a more informed decision can be made regarding increasing the fee in two years at the next General meeting. A wider distribution of Konni Stauss's book was encouraged to help inform the membership of the current research. It was suggested that a research committee be formed to develop a research proposal and research methods. This would allow a more informed decision on whether to increase the membership fees for research.
3. Budget issues were discussed. It was decided to join the existing funds in the International accounts into one account to be maintained in Europe. This account would be maintained for purposes of research rather than being distributed to the European and American societies. Current membership fees are used to cover operating costs of the International Society.
4. The criteria to become a Teaching Fellow were reviewed and revised. A formal summary needs to be prepared. The criteria are:
 - a) An oral examination needs to be passed. The exam will be given by a board selected by the International Credentials Committee and will have members from both the European and American Societies. The Chair of the Credentials Committee will be from the same society as the International President. The sponsoring Teaching Fellow should contact via mail or email the International Credentials Chair to arrange for an examination.
 - b) The candidate has to have been involved in training at least one Fellow.
 - c) The need for a written examination has been dropped.
 - d) A written clinical scientific paper approved by the International Credentials Committee needs to be prepared. The paper is to be submitted to the Scientific Committee for the International Conference for consideration for presentation at the Conference. The paper need not be accepted in order to become a Teaching Fellow, approval by the International Credentials Committee is the requirement. The paper should

be a contribution to furthering the theory or practice of Bonding Psychotherapy.

- e) These changes are intended to go into effect in 2007 (**is this correct? Or is this when maintaining status needs to be based on new theory**)

The next General Meeting will consider the criteria for maintaining Teaching Fellow and Fellow status.

5. The new bylaws for the International Society were approved. The new rules and regulations were also approved. A mandate for their official publication was given.
6. In order to transfer all matters from the International Society for the New Identity Process to the International Society for Bonding Psychotherapy a two-thirds approval of the membership is needed. Johan will be sending a form via email that will need to be printed out, signed, and mailed back.
7. The website and newsletter was discussed. A sincere thank you was given to Lynn Grodzki, TF for maintaining the websites and the electronic newsletter. It was suggested that a secure section of the web site be developed that would be password accessible to post current research and practice results. The password would be given when the annual membership dues are paid. Include as keywords “attachment”, “brain science”, and “neurophysiology”.
8. The International Conference in 2005 will be held in the United States. The proposed location is in the Washington, D.C. area during the month of June. A concern was stated that an International conference means that members of the European society attend and a discussion on what it would take to have a larger turnout revealed that a “big name” presenter at the conference is important. Also a diversity of topics is favored over a limited focus of topics. Having workshops or the possibility to do some bonding was desired. More time for discussion following presentations was requested. It was decided that any profit or loss from the conference will be split 50-50 between ISBP and the local chapter.
9. Skip Ellis the American Society President will become the International President after he and Johan have a transition period. Domingos Neto is the International Secretary and Christine Alam is the Treasurer. Johan Maertens is the Vice-President and will continue to provide support through the International office. George Rynick continues as the Honorary President.
10. A Scientific Committee was proposed as a standing committee to provide written procedures and guidelines for continuing research on Bonding Psychotherapy. Suggested members include Nuno Torres, Peter Geerlings, Brenda Scribner, and Paul Markert.

11. The next Teaching Fellow meeting is scheduled for May 7 & 8, 2004 in Maderno, Italy.
12. A written Board meeting will be held in the near future.
13. Paul Komotinsky passed his Teaching Fellow exam.