



28 May 2010 at 16 h

ESBP Board Meeting Vittorio Veneto (Italy)

Agenda

- 1) ESBP Board meeting minutes in Bad Grönenbach, May '09:
Minutes are not available and there were “no major points worth mentioning.”
- 2) Follow up and overview of ESBP work 2009:
'09 Bad Gronenbach conference went well; very professional. For the most part everything was donated; very little expense. It would have been more desirable to have twice as many people in attendance. In the future we will do more and earlier advertising; a committee will be formed to find presenters and advertise.
An application was sent to the EAP; two newsletters were circulated; we have new board officers in Europe and America, and 2 European board meetings were held.
- 3) Composition of the Board: the four officers and 2 board members for every ESBP chapter can vote. 9 votes (6 present and 3 proxies) in favor with no objections.
- 4) Go-around (all chapters report including ASBP): mention the # of members in your chapter and your concerns and hopes.

Flemish - Dutch – currently there are 4 acting therapist and maybe 3 more in the future. Recently a journalist wrote a story on BP; hoping for some good press. They are having no problem getting clients especially through their website. They have started using the psychological tests, pre and post, hopefully to determine/chart progress.

Belgium - 2 people run groups and there are 2 trainees. [Every 2 months there are workshops. Not sure if this 2-month statistic is for Holland or Belgium.]

Sweden – BP business is “not doing well.” A company started promoting workshops including BP. However, they recently went bankrupt. There are no trainees.

Portugal – 3 ongoing bonding groups; 2 inpatient emotional groups; 1 new member; and 1 TF. Growing very slowly.

Italy – Carlo Kreiner has been running groups for 27 years, has anywhere from 63-80 people doing group at one time. He's assisted by his son, Marcello, and another therapist. On occasion George and Paul for the US assist at workshops.

There are 4 groups and 4 therapists in Belluno, Tuscolano, and Lake Garda.

There is one therapist in southern Italy.

It is very difficult promoting BP, but not impossible.

Argentina – 1 BP and 1 body therapy group/week. They teach holding techniques for children and work with drug addicts. They have 30-40 people in group and about 140 clients total. Other therapists send their clients to them for group. There are 7 therapists in training and are all psychologists and body therapists. [30 persons are training. Not sure of what he meant.]

The BP chapter is hoping to expand their client base from 140 to 500.

US – the BP therapists bring clients to Skip and Marilyn Ellis' workshops which they hold every few months. There are 6 TF, 9 F and 5 MIT's. There are 9 ongoing groups. However, the big problem is that most of the TF and F are at least 55 and older.

Experienced therapists are normally not interested in BP training due to the complexity of the training program.

Germany – 71 members; 40 actively working; 15 work in hospitals; 7 clinics are using BP and 300 patients are in groups in the clinics.

The concern is that the government is standardizing therapeutic programs and could cut BP from their approved list. The hope is that ESBP can be recognized as a legitimate form of therapy and avoid government cuts. [There are 13 members in training.]

Slovenia – [3 organizations using BP and there are 30 members.]

5) EAP and recognition ESBP as a EWO organization. (Report)

This is the largest org of this kind in Europe. A group organization must answer 15 questions for entry and are evaluated/graded by a 2-person committee for approval. Each question must be answered theoretically. Along with the written 15 answers, a CD, DVD of an actual bonding session/attitude work, and Konni's BP book was submitted. The first reviewer needed more information. He claimed that there was no theory of transference and having 5 basic emotions was too simple. The 2nd reviewer

has not responded even though an attempt was made to ask if there was a problem in the review process.

- 6) Next ESBP meeting: a suggestion for 2012: Bruges (Belgium)
Stockholm was also suggested. The date was set by a 7 to 0 vote in favor of June 22-24, 2012, but the location will be decided at the next board meeting in 2011.
- 7) Overview of the ESBP financial accounts: see current account sheet. It was suggested that the European president be reimbursed for his traveling expenses to the present conference in Italy, 250 euros, and in Argentina, 800 euros in 2011. Everyone was in favor and gave approval of this expenditure. It should be noted that ESBP has been paying dues to the EAP for the last 8 years.
- 8) Membership fees 2010: everyone agreed to not change any of the existing annual fees; keep the dues the same until the Board agrees on changing them. (TF 80 euros; F 40 euros; assistant 35 euros; MIT 20 euros) It should be noted that 15 euros from each member's dues is paid to the International Society.
- 9) Communication: - newsletter. Please report any pertinent information regarding your chapter. Other chapters want to know what you are doing.
 - website with a concrete suggestion of Johan Maertens (Belgium): see letter from Johan. No decision regarding the website will be made at this time.
 - international office: **Monique is requesting that all chapters keep her updated such as email addresses and changes in membership. Please note that her job is complex and lengthy and "She can use all the help she can get!"**
- 10) Varia: none.

Minutes taken by Michael Hurney