



**ESBP**

European Society for Bonding Psychotherapy

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## **ESBP Board Meeting, Bruges 2013, June 6**

### Present :

Jeff Gordon (President)

Julia Gordon – Adelheid Gerstenberg – Godehard Stadtmüller (Germany) -

Michael Hurney - Ginny Hurney - Loretta Harvey – Peter Schroeder – Kaitlin Waldrup (USA)

Inger Johansson and Bo Göran Gustavsson (Sweden)

Bogdan Polajner (Slovenia)

Domingos Neto (Portugal)

Lina Pontari (Italy)

Martien Kooyman - Rob Olij (The Netherlands)

Johan Maertens – Moniek Van Deile (Belgium)

Apologized: Christiane Weissbach with proxie

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### **Report**

Minutes from last meeting, Bruges 2012, accepted.

#### **Current reports regarding health and status of each country/chapter:**

*Dutch/Flemish:* Martien reports that BP has been accepted in the European group Psychotherapy association. Martien has written a book/paper on BP in Dutch. He intends to have it translated into English and submitted to the International Group. Also, intends to get it published.

*Slovenia:* Bogdan reports that there are 2 ongoing groups and 5 MIT. However, he can't predict the future of the Slovenia society.

*Argentina:* there are BP groups daily and weekend workshops every 2-4 weeks. There are 25 people in training, MIT's. There are body movement groups held 3x/week and the organization is also working with children.

*United States:* Ginny presently there are 20 members, 8 ongoing groups and periodic workshops. A small successful conference was held last year.

*Portugal:* Domingos reported that they have 1 ongoing group and no trainees.

*Italy:* Carlo has large BP groups and there are 2 other small groups in other areas. It was noted that overall people cannot afford therapy. There are presently no trainees.

*Sweden:* Inger reported that presently there are 3 members, 3 ongoing groups, and no trainees.

*Germany:* Adeline heads up the Casriel Institute. They have been doing BP groups since 1984 plus seeing individuals and couples. They have good therapeutic network. The Casriel Institute itself is no longer offering BP but is now a meditation center. Reinhard Mumm heads up a clinic for families with 13 people in training. There are four clinics using BP at this time. Jeff and Julia have 15, mostly highly qualified trainees.

### **Report from the President, Jeff Gordon:**

During Jeff's time as president EAP recognition was given to the European Society. The Credentials and Ethics Committees were reestablished. Recommendations for the future: the committees need to be voted in every 4 years; committee chairpersons should be sure to tell the new President on time about the need to do this. On all members: help the officers by answering their emails and making sure that the Chapter pays its dues on time.

### **Treasures Report:**

ESBP raised membership fees last year to €15/person. 2012 meeting in Bruges was paid for by the European chapter. Flowers were purchased for 2 BP members who died. Currently there is €14,000 savings and €2.270,13 in checking.

All ISBP Membership fees of ESBP Members were paid to ISBP.

**Vote for Fellow guidelines:** all in favor and 1 abstain.

**Vote for Teaching Fellow guidelines:** will be approved by a written board meeting.

### **ESBP Election:**

President: no volunteers

Vice-president: Bogdan Polajner with conditions.

Secretary: no volunteers

Treasurer: Odette Lassonczyk accepted

Jeff Gordon said that he would stay on as president temporarily until a president was found. No site determined for next European meeting in 2014.

Michael Hurney  
Moniek Van Deile