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Dear members of the ISBP and of all national chapters,

At the Board Meeting of the ESBP, as we did not have the necessary quorum, I was asked to take over as interim President of the ESBP and ISBP. I thank the Board for their trust, and feel honored to serve the Society until we can formally elect the new officers. Rob Olij from Den Haag was asked to be the interim ESBP Vice-President, and he accepted, brave soul.

I hope to encourage communication between the national chapters, and would like to start with a short review of the wonderful conference that we just finished in Bad Grönenbach, Germany. *The 17<sup>th</sup> International ISBP Conference* from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of May had 70 attendees from 11 countries. 10 American members attended, and the Argentine Chapter – having come from farthest away – where represented by Ramon Vega and Alejandro Gonzalez. We had a total of 15 presentations, and the general quality of the presentations was excellent. Many of the presentations have been filmed, and we are hoping to put together a video documentation. We also plan to make the text of the presentations available on our international website [www.bondingpsychotherapy.org](http://www.bondingpsychotherapy.org). If you missed the conference but want to get a sense of the atmosphere, or you attended and want to get that feeling back, use the following link to see photos of the conference: <http://www.bonding-psychotherapie.de/galerie/untten.php?anzeigen=1&galerie=ISBP%20Conference%202009>

I have attended many European and International BP conferences over the years, and they have always given me so much in the way of support and encouragement that it was worth the time and trouble needed to attend. I highly recommend that you keep the following dates in mind:

**The 28<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of May, 2010:** *the ESBP Meeting* at Gigetto's place in Vitterio Veneto. Non-European members are very welcome, so this small conference is actually an international BP meeting in Europe. Rob Olij has agreed to organize this meeting, as always with the invaluable assistance of Moniek Van Deile of the International office. Rob's email: [robolij@gmail.com](mailto:robolij@gmail.com).

**The 2d to the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, 2011:** *The 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference for Bonding Psychotherapy*. We have two offers to host this great occasion. Our Argentine friends have said that they would love to invite us to have the conference in or near Buenos Aires. Skip and Marilyn Ellis have generously offered to host the conference again in Washington, D.C., if this seems more feasible. We would like to support the new chapter in Argentina and would greatly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible on whether you would seriously consider going to a conference in Argentina. **Important:** please give feedback to Moniek at [moniek@bondingpsychotherapy.org](mailto:moniek@bondingpsychotherapy.org) regarding the likelihood of your attending an ISBP Conference in Argentina on 2-4 September, 2011.

With best wishes,

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