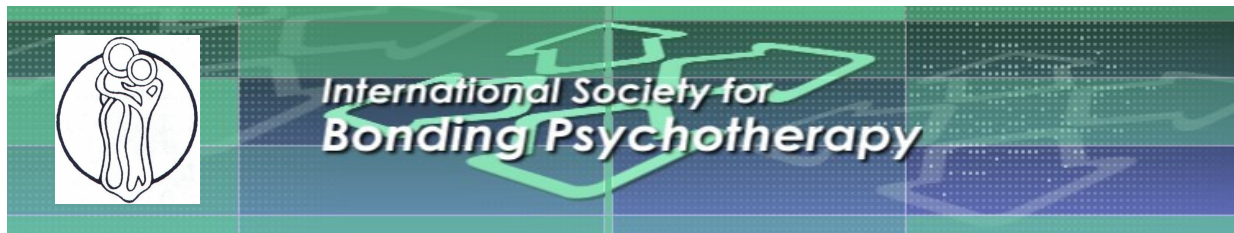


From the President of ISBP, May 2010



News Update

Dear fellow Bonding Psychotherapists,

In this Newsletter I want to give an update on some important matters that were announced in our last Newsletter. In particular, I want to make known the program for the ESBP meeting in Italy at the end of May; I will give a short update on our application for recognition by the European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP); and wish to give the required prior notice that Gigetto De Bortoli has been nominated to be recognized as a Society Teaching Fellow. Finally, you will find a last reminder of two international workshops that will be offered in Europe in May and June.

To all our non-European members: I realize that all these events are primarily European happenings. Some of our overseas members will be attending the meeting in Italy (they deserve special medals of recognition), but for all those in the USA and Argentina who will not be attending, I hope that the Newsletters we send out will help you to feel included.

ESBP Meeting in Vittorio Veneto (Italy)

At the present time we have 26 people registered for the meeting, not including the many Italians who will most likely come but have not yet signed up. At the last ESBP meeting (2008) we had many fewer registrations at this time, so it looks like we will have a good attendance. Attempting to balance work and play, we have planned a “gala” dinner for Saturday evening.



Gigetto's garden



Domingos and Teresa presenting

Here we give you the proposed time plan. A fuller description of all presentations will be sent to everyone who has registered, and will be made available on the international website as soon as possible:

Program ESBP Meeting 2010

Friday 28/05/08

16.00 - ESBP Board Meeting

17.00 - Information and possibilities for an ISBP Conference in Buenos Aires (Argentina) by Ramon Vega

17.30 - ISBP Board Meeting

Saturday 29/05/ 08

**9.00 - Registration
Meet and Greet**

**9.45 - Opening of the ESBP meeting
Gigetto de Bortoli welcomes the community
Jeff Gordon welcomes and tells something about the program**

10.20 - "Are changes in oxytocin reactions after bonding psychotherapy related to a reduction of psychopathological symptoms?" *Alexander Müller (Germany)*

**11.30 - "Basic Emotions as the energy of psycho-structural development"
*Martin Johais (Germany)***

Lunch : 12.30-14:00

**14:00 – "Teaching emotional psychotherapy in the Portuguese Chapter"
*Domingos Neto- Theresa Correia (Portugal)***

**15:00 - Body movement work in Bonding Psychotherapy"
*Ramon Vega (Argentina)***

Break : 15:45 -16.15 Coffee and cake

**16.15 - "How a Bonding Psychotherapy group can be used as a part of the treatment process with patients diagnosed with a psychotic disorder"
*Ginny Hurney and Michael Hurney (U.S)***

**17:15 - "Looking to the future : a Bonding Psychotherapy Vision Workshop"
*Jeff Gordon (Germany)***

18:45 - "ISBP Conference 2011: vamos a Argentina?" *Ramon Vega (Argentina)*

20.00: Gala Dinner in Vittorio Veneto

Sunday : 30/05/2010

9.00 - “Forgiveness and Bonding-Psychotherapy: The Healing Power of Forgiveness” *Konni Stauss (Germany)*

10.10 - “Modern Guidelines to Bonding Psychotherapy as demonstrated with a case study from the Netherlands” *Rob Olij (The Netherlands)*

11.10 : Coffee break

**11.30 - “Integrating Bonding Proceedings in Individual Psychotherapy”
*Theresia Correia (Portugal)***

12.30 - GENERAL MEETING : Jeff Gordon – ESBP- ISBP president (*Germany*)

Lunch: 13:15



Main meeting room

Update on EAP

If we are facing in the right direction, all we have to do is keep on walking.
~Buddhist Saying

We submitted our application for recognition by the EAP as a scientifically based psychotherapy in January of this year. The next general meeting of EAP is at the end of June in Bucharest. Two EAP members are to review our application. They will give a recommendation to the EAP Board, who then should invite us to an interview in person to review our application. If we get the invitation to be reviewed, Godehard Stadtmüller and I will travel to Bucharest to represent our case.

From the first reviewer we had good news and bad news. The good news: in his eyes, “the file is excellent and well presented; and ESBP has all organizational criteria fulfilled.” The not so good news is that he criticized that we had no theory of transference/counter-transference; that Casriel’s theory of 5 basic emotions was too simplified; and, most importantly, he felt that Bonding Psychotherapy is merely a “specific approach” and is not a complete psychotherapy method.

We have developed and sent solid answers regarding all these points and are now waiting for a further reaction from this first reviewer. I feel that our responses to these questions were good, and I am optimistic that we will be successful with EAP. We have not yet received an opinion from the second reviewer, but I hope this should come soon. We will keep you informed. And remember what Persius said: *He conquers who endures.*

Recognition of a new Teaching Fellow:

Gigetto De Bortoli (Italy) has been recommended to be recognized as a Society Teaching Fellow. His sponsors are Martien Kooyman (Netherlands) and Ingemar Arn (Sweden), with the support of the Italian Teaching Fellows.

Gigetto de Bortoli was born in Ponte Nelle Alpi (Belluno) in 1942 on February 26. He is a priest but he is not active as a priest with a parish.
He was educated at the Gregoriana University in Rome and graduated in Church History, Theology and Philosophy.
He is licensed as a teaching professor in History and Humanities (philosophy and literature).
He was a teacher at ‘Liceo’ Lollino specializing in classical studies and at the Institute for Theological Studies in Belluno for 35 years.
Since 1971 he has been a journalist at five different local and national papers. He is the Director of Persona e Comunità - Progetto Uomo (a national weekly magazine on line) and Director of Agenzia Veneta Solidarietà (a regional magazine).
He has been the president of the Centro Italiano di Solidarietà in Belluno since 1983. This centre works in the treatment of addicted persons in a programme with an ambulatory service and a therapeutic community and a unit for families. He is also the director of a cooperative organization for recovering addicts.
He started in 2007 a foundation: Progetto Uomo as a University for Postgraduate training.

He followed a course in Logotherapy in Rome 1988 - 1990.

He followed a training course in clinical psychotherapy and developmental psychology and psychiatry in the Institute of Professor Luigi Cancrini, University professor in Psychiatry in Rome.

He finished his training in Bonding Psychotherapy in Rome in 1988.

He has worked as a fellow for 22 years. He was responsible for the treatment in bonding therapy groups for more than 2000 persons.

He assisted in the training of 4 persons who have become Fellow.

He was the organizer of several international meetings for bonding psychotherapists in Vittorio Veneto, where he presented papers in 2001 and 2006. He also presented a paper at the ISBP conference in Groenenbach in 2009. He presented a paper on bonding groups in a therapeutic community at EFTC conference in Ljubljana in 2007, as well as a paper on the role of spirituality in treatment at the EFTC conference in 2009 in The Hague.

According to the ISBP bylaws, any member up for review to become a Teaching Fellow has to be announced beforehand through the Newsletter. Any member having a comment to make regarding the prospective Teaching Fellow should send the comment to the head of the International Credentials Committee: Inger Johansson, ingjohan@telia.com.

International workshops in May and June:

1) **In Italy:** bonding workshop led by Martien Kooyman and Ramon Vega (Treviso, **May 14, 15 and 16**).

Further information and registration: Gigetto De Bortoli

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2) **In Germany:** an international training workshop on *The Theory of Bonding Psychotherapy*, led by Skip Ellis, from the **4th to the 6th of June, 2010**. The workshop will include didactic and experiential elements, and is aimed at helping therapists in their understanding and use of Bonding Psychotherapy.

Further information and registration: Jeff Gordon

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In closing, I would appreciate any response to this and other Newsletters. I can be reached at: jeffgordon@zentrumimkraichgau.de

Wishing you all the best,

Jeff