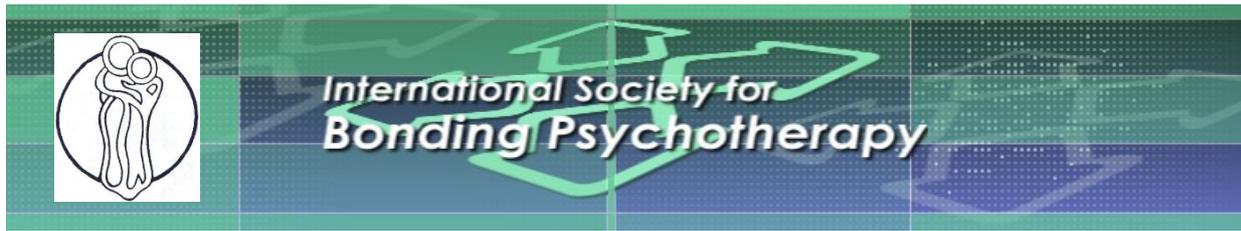


Newsletter December 2013



Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that during the ISBP Conference, June 2013, in Bruges I was elected to serve as the ISBP President for the next 4 years. My Bonding Psychotherapy background and experience is as follows: I have been a TF since 1995 and have trained several MIT to become Fellows. In the 1990's I served as ASBP President. I have been in private practice since 1991 and have been leading two BP groups for 20 years.

Currently I have been serving as the ASBP President and am grateful for the enthusiastic support I have received from the ASBP Board members and the BP community. In my position as ASBP President I have had the pleasure of working with Jeff Gordon, past ISBP President, and the ASBP Board who are again supporting me in my new position.

The rest of the newly elected ISBP Board is as follows: VP- Kaitlin Waldrip; Secretary-Laurette Harvey; Treasurer-Michael Hurney. During the ISBP meeting, ASBP was asked to hold the next International Conference in the Washington, DC area, and we accepted. I encourage you all to start thinking of attending the conference and enjoy the comradery of other BP members, participate in interesting presentations, and take in the sights this beautiful area has to offer.

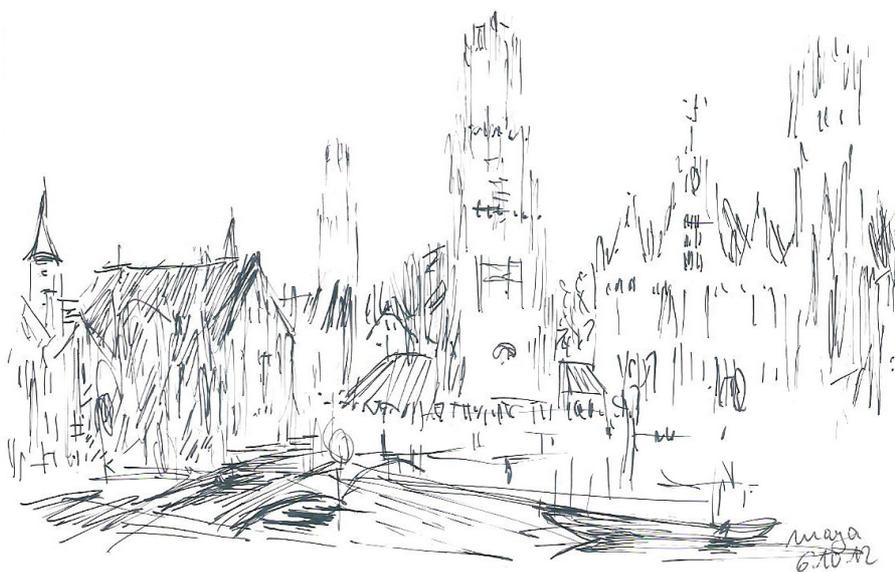
In my personal life, I am married to and supported by my husband, Michael, a son, three step daughters and seven grandchildren.

As ISBP President I will do my best to further the development of the organization and its members and give them my whole hearted love and support.

Ginny Hurney



Bruges 2013 “Attachment and the essence of relationship”



Remembrances of Brugge 2013

Kaitlin Waldrip, Elizabeth Anderson, Peter Schroeder (US)

In the months preceding the 2013 ISBP Conference, several of us ASBP members became more excited about the idea of going to Brugge. The Conference agenda promised to be a stimulating professional experience. The prospects of visiting the historic city of Brugge proved too good an opportunity to pass up. So, off we went and we were not disappointed. The beauty of the old buildings, the canals and the cobblestone streets along with fabulous food, delicious chocolate and the locally brewed beer exceeded our expectations.

Then, we arrived at the Conference. After traveling so far it was heartwarming to be so enthusiastically welcomed and embraced by old colleagues. We shared reminiscences of past good times together. Over meals and conference breaks connections were made with new colleagues.

The ISBP Conference was held inside a beautiful walled seminary down the cobble stone street from the Hotel de' Medici where most participants stayed. The first morning began with a wonderful musical performance by a very talented local singer. The Conference presentations were excellent and varied. Topics ranged from attachment and Bonding theory in the keynote address to an historical review of Bonding Psychotherapy from the Casriel days to the present.

Alternative approaches to clinical work and the use of bonding work with diverse client populations were also included. There was, in addition time set aside to honor the memories of therapists and teachers in the bonding community who are no longer with us.

The conference was also a time of major transition, as our former Board leaders who have led ISBP so ably handed over their offices to a new incoming Board. The new ISBP Board now has officers from the ASBP. The fact that the Americans agreed to hold these offices came as a welcome surprise to the assembled delegates and to the Americans as well. We realize we have accepted a great deal of responsibility for guiding the ISBP over the next several years as skillfully as have our predecessors. The new officers of the Board are Ginny Hurney, President; Kaitlin Waldrip, Vice President; Laurette Harvey, Secretary; and Michael Hurney, Treasurer.

Lest you think the Conference was all work and no play, there were plenty of opportunities for both. These included a memorable trip to the historic and architectural wonder of the Brugge City Hall where Conference attendees were welcomed by the City's Mayor, followed by a reception. From there we walked to the nearby canal and boarded boats for a scenic tour of the City by water. The tour ended at a restaurant with great food, wine and conversation. The next and last full Conference day ended with a dinner at the Hotel and a spirited evening of awards presentations and dancing. Reinhard Mumm from Germany was granted his Teaching Fellow. Konni Stauss was presented with an award honoring his great contributions to Bonding Psychotherapy. Jeff Gordon, Johan Maertens and Moniek Van Deile were cited for their many years of hard work on behalf of the Bonding Psychotherapy community. Although a good time was had by those present, it was also tinged with sadness for our absent Argentinian colleagues.

After the conference several of us participated in a two-day workshop led by Martien Kooyman, Ramon Nestor Vega and Lieve Thienpont. We experienced a creative blend of body movement with music, group attitude work, and bonding mat work that was powerful and emotionally rich for all there. A special thank you to Johan and Moniek who organized and coordinated this event so thoughtfully and to Caroline Buys for her wonderful assistance. The Brugge experience was a truly memorable time.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Washington, D. C. in 2015.



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ISBP Conference in 2015

Save the date: the next International Conference will take place in **May or June of 2015**. The venue will be in **Washington DC. (USA)** The Conference Committee has been working on providing an exciting, enlivening, fun, and informative program where we can meet new colleagues and reconnect with “old” ones. We will keep you informed as the planning evolves.

ESBP

Congratulations to the following people have been elected as the new ESBP Officers:

President; **Domingos Neto** from Portugal,

Vice President; **Bogdan Polajner** from Slovenia, and

Treasurer; **Odette Lassonczyk** from Germany.

There is a vacancy for a Secretary of ESBP. If anyone from ESBP is interested, please contact Domingos Neto: dnetoster@gmail.com

There will be an European Meeting in 2014.

Recognition of members

ISBP Awards presented at the International Conference in Bruges, Belgium.

Our International Conferences have always been exciting and enlivening, an opportunity to meet new colleagues and refresh old contacts. The highlight of every conference is the gala dinner on Saturday evening, and high point of the gala dinner is certainly the presentation of awards (closely followed by the delight of dancing to a live band.) Honoring members who have served the International Society for numerous years, or who have achieved professional excellence within the Society, strengthens our organization.

In my last hours as President of the ISBP I had the honor of presenting the following awards:

Dr. Konrad Stauss (Teaching Fellow) received the life-time status of **“Honorary Member of the ISBP”** in recognition for his important work developing a modern theory of Bonding Psychotherapy and publishing a Bonding Psychotherapy Book. He also trained psychotherapists in alternative ways of using BP beyond mat work. Some of his trainings included Forgiveness;



Unresolved Intrapyschic Conflicts; Deepening Emotional Processing through detailed exploration of emotional schemas; and a scientific approach to therapy planning using psychodynamic tests (QS Tests) that are congruent with BP.



Johan Maertens (Teaching Fellow – ISBP President from 2001-2005 and ESBP President 2001-2009) received **“The Daniel Casriel Award”** for lifetime contribution and service to our organization.

He also served as ISBP Treasurer for the past 4 years and did a great job of organizing the 2013 ISBP Conference in Bruges. He has been responsible for creating an ISBP Website and archiving numerous BP articles and documents. His leadership in ISBP and ESBP will be missed.



Moniek Van Deile, (Inst. Fellow); Secretary, International Office was awarded: **“The ISBP President’s Award”** for extraordinary service to our organization.

Her duties were too numerous to summarize. However, some of her duties included distributing out ISBP Newsletters, written ISBP Board Meetings and minutes. She also made spreadsheets of the Treasury, paid bills, kept membership lists, help organized conferences, and collected membership fees. She accomplishes her duties with grace and enthusiasm for 8.5 years and to say she will be missed is an understatement.

Jeff Gordon ESBP and ISBP President retires.



Jeff Gordon, retired ISBP and ESBP President was awarded **"The Daniel Casriel Award"** for lifetime contribution and service to Bonding Psychotherapy. He has done a wonderful job of guiding both organizations for the past 4 years. We are truly grateful to him for his dedication and will miss his involvement.

What has been accomplished from 2009 till 2013, both in ISBP and ESBP:

- Recognition from European Association of Psychotherapy (EAP) as a scientifically valid psychotherapy
- Excellent relationship developed between ESBP and EAP / active membership in the Membership Co / and in the committee of recognized modalities (EWOC)
- Organization of two European and two international conferences.

- Credentialing and welcoming the Argentine Chapter into the ISBP.
- Developing new curriculum/standards for Fellow and Teaching Fellow.
- Lots of Board Meetings and written Board Meetings
- Three newsletters.
- Structural problems that have been resolved
 - Separation of ISBP and ESBP President roles
 - Financial situation of the ASBP in relation to the ISBP.
 - Committees were newly formed after years of neglect

Credentials Committee, Ethics Committee, Training Standards Committee

Teaching Fellow



Reinhard Mumm, from the German Chapter was officially recognized as Teaching Fellow of the ISBP and formally received his certificate. His skills and experience strengthen the Society and we are happy to welcome him as a TF.



Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday filled with lots of love and hugs.

Happy New Year!!

Ginny Hurney

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