EDITOR’S COLUMN

Greetings to all, and thank you for your contributions. It is always exciting to learn of the activities and interests of our members. As you read this Newsletter, you will appreciate the dedication of Academy members in taking the message of psychoanalysis and dynamic psychiatry to both national and international professional and community forums.

Please join me in welcoming Lorraine Browne to the Academy management staff. She has “jumped in with both feet,” meticulously preparing this Newsletter and assisting with the annual meeting.

Members may submit Newsletter information through the website, FAX, mail or by sending a conference brochure to the Academy office. The Newsletter is published to coincide with the meetings. In addition to sharing your accomplishments and interests, it is an opportunity to announce future presentations and seminars. Enjoy the meetings!

Best regards,

Sharon West, MD

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

During the winter neuroanatomy course in medical school, my professor would always say to me when he noticed the totally lost look on my face, “you will understand when the leaves turn green.” He was almost right! Now that the leaves are indeed turning green here in New York, the wisdom of the two Future Directions Forum held over the last few years is indeed becoming clear.

The membership of the Academy recently approved the extension from one year to two-years for the term of the president, which means that my term, which would have ended in May 2005, will continue for one more year. Dr. Sherry Katz-Bearnott, the Academy’s president-elect will remain so for one more year becoming president in May 2006. This increase in time will allow for the coordination of efforts amongst the officers and our headquarters’ staff as well as an opportunity to carry through on projects begun, and relationships started, during the president’s first year in office.

Additionally, our secretary Joe Silvio will soon present the recommendation for the category of membership of Psychiatric Fellow advocated during the Forum to the membership of the Academy for their approval. The matter of the Academy’s finances, which are stable I’m pleased to report, thanks to the oversight of Jennifer Downey, our treasurer, and Jackie Coleman, our executive director, always remain a concern, in part due to the high costs of running scientific programs. Whether the customary two meetings per year continue, or a modification takes place that meets the changing needs of our membership, is another issue for us to decide in the very near future.

Lastly, the Academy’s continued visibility in the publications of the APA and our scientific and political collaboration with the APA and other
groups remain targeted foci of my term as president.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings. Please contact me or any of our officers and trustees with your ideas and suggestions. Happy Spring!

Joseph P. Merlino, MD, MPA

ORGANIZZAZIONE di PSICOANALISTI ITALIANI-FEDERAZIONE e REGISTRO (OPIFER)

The next joint meeting of the Academy with the Organizzazione Di Psicoanalisti Italiani-Federazione Registro (OPIFER) will be held in Bologna, June 24 to June 26, 2005. The topic of the meeting is The Relational Paradigm in Psychoanalysis; In the Footsteps of Silvano Arieti. The Erich Fromm Institute in Bologna, a member institute of OPIFER, will also contribute to the conference.

Dr. Douglas Ingram, Editor of the Academy's Journal, will be the Keynote Speaker. The program will include panels on therapy with terminally ill patients, the use of narrative and metaphor, and the work of Erich Fromm. There will be personal participation by Dr. Rainer Funk, the literary executor for Dr. Fromm.

Although space is limited, there is still some room for new registrants. Registration forms may be obtained from the Academy's office or downloaded from the Academy's website.

Bologna is a beautiful city, rich in history and architecture. Registrants will receive a list of recommended hotels. Academy members are urged to register as soon as possible for this outstanding international meeting.

Joan G. Tolchin, MD

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Special Interests:

Anne Elaine Bernstein, MD, Mamaroneck, NY Sailing and Writing.

Michael Blumenfield, MD, Scarsdale, NY Candidate for Speaker-elect of the American Psychiatric Association Assembly, currently Assembly Recorder.

Richard D. Chessick, MD, PhD, Evanston, IL Creativity, Philosophy, Technique and Practice of Psychoanalysis.

Elisabeth Frischaufl, MD, New York, NY Art, Culture, Community, Dreams, Literature, Neurolinguistics, and Neurobiology.

Reimer Hinrichs, MD, Berlin, Germany Psychoanalytic Victimology; Hypno-Analysis.

Nancy Joachim, MD, New York, NY Art, Architecture, and Cultures, especially Folk Cultures.

John W. Rosenberger, MD, New York, NY Narcissism and Religion.

Ruth Szmarag, MD, Manhattan, NY Art, Culture, Community, Dreams, Literature, Forensics, Cross-Cultural interests--especially survivors of the Holocaust and 9-11, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders.

Peter Jay Stein, MD, Rockville Centre, NY Psychoanalytical Developmental Theory.
Ronald N. Turco, MD, Beaverton, OR Art, Culture, Dreams, Literature, and Forensics.

Professional Appointments:

Anne Elaine Bernstein, MD, Mamaroneck, NY Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. Assistant Clinical Professor, Cornell Westchester Division.

Michael Blumenfield, MD, Scarsdale, NY Professor of Psychiatry, Medicine and Surgery, NY Medical College, Valhalla, NY. Awarded the endowed Sidney Frank Distinguished Professorship in Psychiatry.

Elisabeth Frischauf, MD, New York, NY Assistant Clinical Professor, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

Sheila Hafter Gray, MD, DLFAPA, Washington, DC Selected by the American Psychiatric Association to receive the Nancy C. A. Roeske, MD Award for excellence in medical student education, a national recognition for her superb role as an educator to physicians in training.

Reimer Hinrichs, MD, Berlin, Germany Advising Physician at Berlin Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians.

Nancy Joachim, MD, New York, NY Assistant Clinical Professor in Psychiatry, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Co-Chair of the Academy’s 49th Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, May 19-22, 2005.

John W. Rosenberger, MD, New York, NY Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, NYU School of Medicine. Associate Clinical Director, Manhattan Psychiatric Hospital, New York, NY. Adjunct Professor, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY.

David P. Semar, MD, Bergen County, NJ Re-elected Director, Department of Psychiatry, The Valley Hospital, Ridgewood, NJ.


Sharon A. West, MD, Hattiesburg, MS Elected Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, December 2004.

Medical/Psychodynamic/Psychoanalytic Presentations:

Elisabeth Frischauf, MD, New York, NY Chair and Presenter at Memoir, History and in Conversation, Association for the Psychoanalysis of Culture and Society, October 17, 2004. Presented paper on “Scattered and Split Memories, Generations of Exiles.”

Sheila Hafter Gray, MD, DLFAPA, Washington, DC To chair a panel on “The Experience of Trauma in Different Types of War” at the 44th International Psychoanalytic Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 28, 2005.

Reimer Hinrichs, MD, Berlin, Germany Multiple publications since 1985. Main Topic: Psychoanalytic Victimology.

Joan G. Tolchin, MD, New York, NY Presented a paper on “Engaging Resistant Adolescent Patients,” April 8, 2005, and led a workshop on “The Use of the Telephone in Psychotherapy,” at a meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists held in Cardiff, Wales, on April 7-9, 2005.

Ronald N. Turco, MD, Beaverton, OR Psychoanalytic Study Group continues to meet weekly. Dr. Jeanne Chassequeut, President, Societe Psychanalytique du Paris, presented on February 26, 2005.

Ann Ruth Turkel, MD, New York, NY Presented “Gender and Self-Esteem” at Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry, Harlem Hospital, NY, on October 26, 2004.

Medical/Psychodynamic/Psychoanalytic Publications:


Ronald N. Turco, MD, Beaverton, OR Kim Jong Il and the Korean Dilemma (ISBN-0-9700131-3-2) is in its second printing, after a sold out first edition. Copies and order forms will be available at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, May 19-22, 2005. AAPDP members may also order a copy by sending $13.00 to Dr. Turco at 9570 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale HWY, Beaverton, Oregon 97005.


Community/Popular Appearances/Publications:


Clay Whitehead, MD, Chapel Hill, NC Supported professional efforts by the North Carolina Mental Health Association to block passage of House Bill 381, “Mental Health Reform.” Similar legislation has been applied in many states, with resultant destruction of public mental health treatment programs, sharp increases in homelessness, and a weakened medical infrastructure. Dr. Whitehead’s presentation, given at a special meeting of the NC Mental Health Organization on “reform,” traced the history of the Mental Health Reform movement from its beginnings with “Proposition 13” in California. He outlined the baleful results experienced in California and later replicated in over twenty states. Dr. Whitehead described the early days of the Republic, when the United States was a world leader in public health care to the mentally ill. He pointed out that “reform” legislation not only abandons the weakest members of our society, but repudiates one of the most glorious achievements of the American Revolution.

Personal Events:

Anne Elaine Bernstein, MD, Mamaroneck, NY Soon to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary. Five grandchildren ages 2 ½ to 16.

Elisabeth Frischauf, MD, New York, NY Daughter Emily engaged to be married.

Reimer Hinrichs, MD, Berlin, Germany Research Year 1985 at Criminology Center of University of Pennsylvania.

Jay Lefer, MD, New York, NY Son David has published a book. David Lefer and Gail Buckland both collaborated with Sir Harold Evans on They Made America: Two Centuries of Innovations from the Steam Engine to the Search Engine, (ISBN-03-16277665). It is a delightful book to read, and may inspire innovation in psychoanalysis.

Ruth Szmarag, MD, Manhattan, NY Unfortunately fractured head of humerus, very long in healing.

Sharon A. West, MD, Hattiesburg, MS Daughter Nusa Maal has co-authored a book with Nancy Margulies, Mapping Inner Space (ISBN-1569761388). The authors describe analysis of self and others as depicted by “visual synthesis,” a pictorial outline which draws from both sides of the brain, reducing resistance and enhancing both creativity and memory. Nusa’s work translates the spoken word into picture language, a mirror of the analytic reframe of symbolic language into verbal clarity.

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December 10, 2005
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