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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Within these pages is another sampling from the lives of our busy members. We are gratified to note that several of our newer members have written, as have members from Italy and Germany.

Once again, however, we have more than a small number of illegible entries, as well as one with no name at all. Please pardon our transcription errors. We have done our best, but I am sure we have not avoided making any mistakes.

The use of "we" is no mere editorial conceit. My sincere thanks go to Shalon Davis, able editorial assistant. Without her, this newsletter is an impossibility. Jackie Coleman has my gratitude for her perennial care and attention.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge all of our members to participate in the Academy's Strategic Planning Initiative. An entire day preceding our meeting in Chapel Hill has been set aside for this important process. We want to keep the Academy strong, relevant, and an active voice in the worlds of Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis. The best way to do this is to make use of the energy and intelligence of our membership. Please join us as we brainstorm and plan together!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: OFF THE MARK

(Editor's Note)

We are reprinting Dr. Turkel's letter to Psychiatric News of August 2003, which she has chosen as her Presidential Message. It is a clear, cogent example of the type of "everyday advocacy" required of us. If we have any hope of retaining a place in the mainstream of psychiatry, this sort of rapid response is imperative.

The letter in the June 6 issue titled "Off the Couch" in which Drs. David Brody and Michael Serby refer to psychoanalysis as a "marginalized treatment" no more relevant to psychiatry than "musicology" requires a brief reply.

Readers need refer only to the article on the very same page to find compelling reasons for valuing psychoanalysis both as a technique for treatment and for its concepts, which are so widely used in psychodynamic psychotherapy. In his article "Uses of Self in Psychiatric Training," Dino Gangure, M.D., stated, "What I found helped me understand and participate more effectively in the psychotherapeutic process was undergoing a personal psychotherapy myself." Even if the juxtaposition of that article and letter was simply fortuitous, *Psychiatric News* is to be congratulated on it.

The letter by Drs. Brody and Serby is simply not reflective of residency programs or of current thinking in psychiatry.

*Ann R. Turkel, M.D.
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ACADEMY MEETING IN ITALY

An outstanding joint meeting was held by the Academy with Organizzazione di Psicoanalisti Italiani - Federazione e Registro (OPIFER) in Milan, June 13-15, 2003. The topic of the meeting was *Explorations In Psychoanalysis: In the Footsteps of Silvano Arieti*. Dr. Clarice Kestenbaum, a Past President of the Academy and the immediate Past President of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, was the Keynote Speaker. She opened the meeting with a clinically rich paper entitled *Memory, Narrative and the Search for Identity in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy: A Second Chance*. The next day, Dr. Kestenbaum gave an insightful discussion of two case presentations - one by an American trainee and one by an Italian resident. Several Fellows of the Academy made important contributions to the meeting as well. Dr. Gail Berry spoke on *Freud's Family Romance*, and Dr. Richard Chessick on long-term psychoanalytic psychotherapy. Drs. Clay Whitehead and Marco Bacciagaluppi each made presentations on the panel on Psychoanalytic Evolution. Dr. Ferruccio Osimo presented on the Audiovisual Panel. Despite the fact that June 2003 was the warmest in Milan for the past 400 years, the registrants enjoyed this excellent meeting and the opportunity to explore the cultural and historical city of Milan.

The next joint meeting of the Academy with Organizzazione Di Psicoanalisti Italiani-Federazione Registro (OPIFER) will be held in Pisa, June 11-13, 2004. The topic of the meeting is *Interpretation of Schizophrenia: Thirty Years Later; In the Footsteps of Silvano Arieti*. The meeting is additionally sponsored by the Arieti Foundation based in Pisa. Dr. Ann-Louise Silver, a Past President of the Academy and Chair of the Committee on Programs will be the Keynote Speaker. June 2004 marks the 90th anniversary of Dr. Arieti's birth in Pisa. There will be special events to commemorate this important time. The city of Pisa has honored Dr. Arieti previously by naming a plaza after him and placing a plaque on the house where he lived. Pisa is a beautiful city, rich in history and architecture. June is a wonderful month to explore Tuscany. Space is limited so Academy members are urged to register as soon as possible.

Joan G. Tolchin, M.D.



NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Professional Achievements:

César Alfonso obtained a grant from the Herbert Irving Cancer Center at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center to study the predictors of non-adherence to medical treatment among urban minority women with breast cancer.

Claus Bahne Bahnson was appointed First President of The Baltic Sea Society for Psychosomatic Medicine. Professor at the Albert Schweitzer International University, Geneva and London. He is affiliated with the Institute for Psychoanalysis, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatic Medicine, Kiel, Germany.

Anne E. Bernstein was appointed as an Adjunct Professor at the Cornell Weill Westchester Division in June. Dr. Bernstein also received the Bertha Van Hoosen Award from the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA).

Victor Bloom was appointed Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

Emmanuel G. Cassimatis was re-elected to the AMA's Council on Medical Education and elected Chair of the Council in June 2003. He is currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). He was Co-Chair at The American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry's Annual Meeting in San Francisco. He was voted "Teacher of the Year" by the PGY3 residents (Psychiatry) of the National Capital Consortium for GME.

Harry Fiss is a member of the American Board of Professional Psychology and the Academy of Clinical Psychiatry. He is on the Advisory Committee at the Whiting Forensic Institute and received the Founders Day Award.

David Forrest is Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Consultant to the Movement Disorders Group, Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Reimer Hinrichs since March 2000 he has been working as an advisory physician, to the Berlin Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians.

Ferruccio Osimo was elected President of the International Experimental Short Term Dynamic Psychotherapy (STDP) Association (IESA) www.stdp.net. IESA held its 1st International Conference in Milan, Italy in May 2001. The 2nd IESA International Conference was held at the Washington School of Psychiatry, in Washington, DC, October 10-12, 2003. Contact Info: Jon Frederickson jfrederickson@mindspring.com.

Carl Rotenberg has been appointed to moderate "Clinical Horizons," a new series in the Journal of The American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry.

Carlos E. Sluzki was appointed (July 2003) Acting Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, George Mason University.



Scientific Presentations:

Claus Bahne Bahnson has sent us his extensive list of presentations and publications consisting of 167 articles. We list here his two most recent presentations: Bahnson, C. B.: *The Important Difference Between Psychoanalytic Individual and Group Therapy*. Paper delivered at the 13th World Congress of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry, WADP Inc. Bern, in Munich Germany, March 13-17, 2001. Bahnson, C. B.: *Possible Psychosomatic Connections in the Apoptotic Process*. Paper delivered at the 16th World Congress on Psychosomatic Medicine, Göteborg, Sweden, August 24-29, 2001.

Richard D. Chessick presented *Effect of Countertransference of the Collapse of Civilization and Battle of the Giants: A Desperate Struggle in Psychoanalytic Therapy to Keep a Patient Alive*. Both were presented in honor of Peter Giovacchini, M.D. at the Center for Psychoanalytic Study in Chicago, October 3, 2003.

Harry Fiss presented to the Rappaport-Klein Study Group, Stockbridge, MA, June 2002. *Dream Research in the 20th Century* was presented at *REM 50: a Symposium of the International Academy of Holistic Medicine and the Institute for Research on Consciousness and Dreams*, Vienna, Austria, October 2003.

David Forrest presented *Antiglobal Mind* at the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry meeting, in Philadelphia, PA, December 2002.

Ferruccio Osimo trains other professionals in Experimental Short Term Dynamic Psychiatry (STDP), using videotaped clinical material for teaching and supervision: New York City Core Training - contact info: Diana Fosha dfosha@aol.com. Italy Core Training (Milan) - contact info: Ferruccio Osimo Osimo@tin.it.

Gerald P. Perman presented *Psychiatry for Family Practitioners*. It was presented to 250 PA students on July 19, 2003 for their Board Preparation course.

Carl T. Rotenberg will present *Art and Psychoanalysis* at a Pre-Conference Workshop, co-led with George Hagman MSW, at the 26th Annual International Conference on the Psychology of Self, Chicago, IL, November 2003 as well as *Renoir, His Paintings and The Self* at the same conference.

Ruth Szmarag presented *Dreams, Omens and Other Myths* October 1, 2003 Istanbul, Turkey

Ronald N. Turco is conducting an ongoing seminar for physicians on Psychoanalysis and Political Decision Making at the Oregon Health Sciences University on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Ann R. Turkel Presented *Women and Anger* to the APA New York County District Branch Committee on Women, October 21, 2003.

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Richard D. Chessick has had several articles published in the *Journal of The American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry*. In addition, the next three chapters of his Didactic Novel (Chapter 7 Pergamun, Chapter 8 Troy, and Chapter 9 Istanbul) are in press in the archives of psychiatry and psychotherapy of the Polish Psychiatric Association.

Harry Fiss *A 21st Century Look at Freud's Dream Theory*, *Journal of The American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry* 28 (21, 2000, 321-340)

David Forest *On The Limits of Human Experience* pp 64-68 in Bloom H, Ed. *Bloom's Major Poets: E.E. Cummings*, Chelsea House, Broomall, PA 2003. *Freud's Neuromental Model: Analytic Structures and Local Habitations* pp 281-29 in Brooks P and Woloch A, *Whose Freud?: The Place of Psychoanalysis in Contemporary Culture*, Yale University Press, New Haven and London, 2000. *A Treasury of Error*, *Bulletin of the Association for Psychoanalytic Medicine* 38: 34-39, Spring 2003. Forest DV and Côté LJ: *The Mortal Stage of Late Life* *Journal of The American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry* 30(3) 329-340, 2002

Reimer Hinrichs *Chronic Crime Victims A German-American Comprehensive Study on Theory and Practice of Psychoanalytic Victimology* ISBN: 3-8258-3220-1 Transaction Publishers, Rutgers State University, New Brunswick, NJ 68903, USA.

Ferruccio Osimo (2002) *Brief Psychodynamic Therapy*. Chapter from: *Comprehensive Handbook of Psychotherapy* Volume 1. Volume Editor, J.J. Magnavita. New York, Wiley. (2003) *Experimental Short-Term Dynamic Psychotherapy: A Manual*. Bloomington, In., 1stBooks

Gerald P. Perman *Psychiatric News Summaries* - a one-page newsletter that is faxed to 100 non-psychiatric physicians twice a month.

Carlos E. Sluzki, CE: *Families Imploding: The Loosening of the Social Fabric and the Decline of Social Responsibility at the Dawn of the 21st Century*. *J. Family Psychotherapy*, 14 (1), 2003. Sluzki, CE: *The Process Toward Reconciliation*. Chapter in A. Chayes and M. Minow, Eds. *Imagine Coexistence: Restoring Humanity After Violent Ethnic Conflict*. San Francisco, Jossey-Bass, 2003. Sluzki, CE and Agani, FE: *Small Steps and Big Leaps: Crisis Management in a Traditional Kosovar Family in an Era of Cultural Transition*. *Family Process*, 42 (4), 2003 (in press).

Graeme Taylor co-authored *The Twenty-Item Toronto Alexithymia Scale-III: Reliability and Factorial Validity in a Community Population*. *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, 55: 269-275, 2003. *The Twenty-Item Toronto Alexithymia Scale-IV: Reliability and Factorial Validity in Different Languages and Cultures*. *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, 55: 277-283, 2003. *La mesure de l'alexithymie*. In *L'alexithymie*, edited by M. Corcos and M. Speranza Dunod, Paris, 2003, pp.183-204. Co-Author of *Alexithymia* as

Predictor of Treatment Outcome in Patients with Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders. Psychosomatic Medicine 65:911-918, 2003.

Popular Media Appearances/Publications:

Victor Bloom is an Editorial writer for Detroit Medical News and a Contributor to the online magazines, Suite 101 and Pearl Soup.

Elisabeth C. Frischauf presented at *The Next Generation Speaks: Shared Memories of Austrian Exiles of the Holocaust* at the Erich Fried Symposium, Vienna Austria, November 13-16, 2003.

Barry Magid gave a talk *Meditation: The Art of Becoming Who You Already Are* at the Shambhala Center in New York City on September 28, 2003 as part of *Meditate New York*, a weeklong series of talks by various Buddhist teachers on the occasion of a visit by the Dalai Lama to New York City. Dr. Magid is the Zen Teacher at the Ordinary Mind Zendo, and the author of the recently published *Ordinary Mind: Exploring the Common Ground of Zen and Psychotherapy* (Wisdom 2002).

Personal Items:

César Alfonso completed four foot races in 2003: 10K in San Juan, Puerto Rico, two 3.5 mile races in Central Park, NYC, and a 5 mile race in Belmar, NJ. He is currently training for the Beijing marathon in 2004.

Claus Bahne Bahnson is blessed with a young daughter Marleen Dana now 3 years old.

Victor Bloom welcomed his tenth grandchild, Maeve, November 2002. He reports "no improvements in golf game and no worsening either". He is an enthusiastic and prolific digital photographer, especially of his grandchildren.

Richard D. Chessick and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 6. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Harry Fiss moved from West Hartford, CT to Bantam, CT with his new bride. He is doing well after open-heart surgery in July 2002.

Samuel Slipp has a second grandchild, a beautiful 7-pound baby girl, named Jessica Zweifler who was born on June 25 in West Hartford, CT to daughter Elena and her husband Mark.

Ruth Szmarag is continuing to travel to Europe and the Middle East.

Ronald Turco Won 2nd Prize for English Dressage and 3rd Prize Western Trail at the Painted Valley Horse Show on June 7, 2003.

Information on future Academy
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