

From: Hansjoerg Messner, executive committee adult section (United Kingdom)  
To: delegates of adult section

Dear Delegates of the adult section

I hope you all had a good holiday break and now well into 2018, look forward to a productive, healthy and happy new year.

In about one week the EFPP board will have its first board meeting in the new year and while the concerns of the EFPP are ongoing, we will be laying out our strategic objectives for the year to come and to consolidate the gains and achievements that we arrived at in the past year.

I have had the opportunity to communicate with several national networks directly and was pleased to present a paper and represent the board at a conference in Rome last December. There is one message that stands out and comes through from many of you and this is :communication, communication , communication!! It is clear to me that while I think the communication between board and national networks has improved considerably, what we want to facilitate also , is communication amongst the national networks. The delegates from Belgium and from Italy have made very interesting and constructive suggestions of how cooperation between the national networks could work and I strongly believe these are perspectives that we on the board together with the delegates need to translate into tangible results.

I am very pleased to see the development of new trainings and I am particularly grateful to the colleagues from Bulgaria who have put in a huge amount of work to establish a psychoanalytic training programm which finds huge resonance and should be able to get off the ground in September.

We from the board are working on an ethical code, that shold be applicable to all of our member organisations and that we should be able to propose relatively soon. We are also continuing to work on the reform of the delegates system. With the change in the constitution, sanctioned by you in the last delegates meeting in Berlin, we committed ourselves to a necessary reform of the system of delegation. We have a working group that is drawing the various strands of possible representation together and in due course we shall be able to make a proposal to the board and eventually to you for ratification.

You will have noticed that the early bird for our conference in Belgrade in May has been extended to January 30th. Please have a look at the website of the conference, consider the very interesting program and also the pre-conference workshops. It seems to me that while EFPP conferences are always special, this one is particularly pertinent. It is very much in the DNA of the EFPP that we respond to political, social and economic crisis with our psychoanalytic thinking and address the issues in hand from different angles. I always feel this is best done by a diversity of modalities: this time by the adult and group section. I cant thank our Serbian colleagues enough for what they have done and do, to make this conference possible. Belgrade is a city, a microcosm that mirrors the conflicts that we experience today worldwide; it is also and has always been, a

gateway between Eastern and western Europe. it is therefor an ideal meeting place for the EFPP member.

ship at large.

I look forward to welcoming you all in Belgrade.

Last but not least and in the spirit of communication, please be in touch and stay in touch in this new year. We are much more effective if we work together.

Please disseminate this message to your members.

Best wishes

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chair of the EFPP adult section