This is my final newsletter column as president of the IARPP. I want to use this opportunity to reflect on the first few years of the IARPP, to express some hopes for the future of the association, as well as to voice some thanks and well wishes.

As you all know the IARPP was born in the wake of Steve Mitchell’s passing and for all of the founders of the association the process of launching the association was infused with mourning. In our initial year, as we were planning our first major event in New York City, 9/11 struck. Our first biannual conference was a huge intellectual and scholarly success that attracted many participants and increased our membership, but was a disaster financially. The association quickly repaid our debt and as soon as we did we lost Emanuel Ghent, our treasurer and one of our founders and senior leaders. This brief recap should convey very clearly how difficult a time we have had getting off the ground. Being the association’s first president, under these difficult circumstances, has been challenging.

Nevertheless, I can step down as president knowing that the IARPP is thriving. Our membership is strong and our finances are at least stable and balanced. IARPP groups have been formed and are becoming active in such cities as Sydney, Australia, London, England, and Barcelona, Spain. We are offering many benefits to our members and providing wonderful educational programming. Our Web-Based Seminars have been extremely well received. Our Online Colloquium Series is a free educational benefit provided exclusively to our members. These activities have been intellectually stimulating and clinically

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enriching, and we have begun to offer these programs in languages other than English. Working closely with The Psychoanalytic Connection, we have also launched the IARPP Internet Conference Center (the IARPP NetCC), a full-featured intranet exclusively for our membership.

Phil Ringstrom, Jody Davies, and Spyros Orfanos, along with their committee, have put together what promises to be an extraordinary conference: “Unpacking the Clinical Moment: Continuities and Discontinuities Between Relational Theory And Other Psychoanalytic Perspectives” to be held in Los Angeles, California. April 29 - May 2, 2004. We are already busily preparing for an international conference in Rome, June 2005, under the leadership of IARPP Vice-President Gianni Nebbiosi, and Barbara Pizer has begun to organize a committee to plan a major conference in Boston for January, 2006. I will not enumerate the many superb activities and programs that are planned for the coming year – instead I refer you to our website which now lists all planned events (www.iarpp.org). And while I am on the topic, let me thank Larry Zelnick and Gerald Winters for their work in maintaining and enhancing the IARPP website.

Administratively, we have hired Cass Jones and Professional Conference Management to administer our bi-annual conferences. Cass and her team are experienced and highly effective organizers and we should do well under their management. We have also been extremely lucky that Valerie Ghent, Mannie Ghent’s daughter, stepped in following her dad’s death, and has become our association’s administrator. Val has an incredible amount of talent, skill, and energy and she is following-up on a huge task of managing the details of running an international association.

Stuart Pizer is our president-elect and he will succeed me in January, 2004. Stuart is of course a major contributor to relational psychoanalysis with very strong talent and experience in organizational leadership. We are working closely together to plan for the immediate future of our association. Muriel Dimen has stepped in as treasurer and is doing a remarkable job. Adrienne Harris of New York, Barbara Pizer of Cambridge, MA, Susie Orbach of London, and Jonathan Slavin of Medford, MA have been elected to the IARPP board. There will be another election in Los Angeles at the IARPP conference in late April-early May of 2004. Stella Pizer is our president-elect and he will succeed me in January, 2004. Stuart is of course a major contributor to relational psychoanalysis with very strong talent and experience in organizational leadership. We are working closely together to plan for the immediate future of our association.

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2004. We have two full board meetings planned in 2004 so that the leadership can really get to work on organizational structure, committee work, and future planning.

Without writing a long essay on why I believe that psychoanalysis needs the IARPP or on my hopes for the association, I do want to reiterate one of our major purposes. With all of the psychoanalytic associations that proliferate relatively few are open to all. Most psychoanalytic associations represent either one discipline over others or are open only to graduates of certain institutes or to those meeting other exclusionary criteria. From its inception the IARPP was meant to be open to all across disciplinary lines. Psychoanalysis is bursting with excitement and a feeling of freshness and the IARPP intends to promote this rebirth of our field across all political, academic, theoretical, and organizational lines. Take part in our activities, join our committees, get active. Be a part of the IARPP!

My thanks to Maureen Murphy who has taken on the role of Chair of the Publications Committee. As for myself, I plan to stay active as past-president and to continue to work with Stuart, with the board and with the association’s leadership to promote the values and commitments that led us to found the IARPP. My best wishes to Stuart as he takes over the helm.

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New IARPP Board Members Elected

The nominations and elections committee announces that on August 8, the following new members were elected to the IARPP board. These new members will have to run for re-election at the members’ meeting at the Los Angeles conference along with all other members of the board:

Barbara Pizer, Ph.D.
Adrienne Harris, Ph.D.
Susie Orbach, Ph.D.
Jonathan Slavin, Ph.D.

All those who were nominated for the August election will remain in nomination for the election in Los Angeles. 

Nominations and Elections Committee
Neil Altman and Hazel Ipp, Chairs

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Upcoming Online Colloquium: “Why Perversion?”

On November 15th, we will begin a three week online discussion of a paper by Ruth Stein: WHY PERVERSION? Ruth Stein will participate in a discussion moderated by Anthony Bass and Adrienne Harris.

A wide ranging and wonderful panel has agreed to comment on and discuss the paper: Muriel Dimen, Gilbert Cole, Paul Williams, Charles Spezzano, Mark Blechner, Jeanne Wolff Bernstein, Cynthia Dyess, Barbara Pizer, Lynne Zeavin. Additional panelists may be added.

Consult the website for info as to how to download the paper and how to participate in or follow the colloquium: http://www.iarpp.org/resources/colloquia.cfm
SAVE THE DATES!!

The International Association of Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy Announces Its Second Biennial Conference

Unpacking the Clinical Moment: Continuities and Discontinuities Between Relational Theory And Other Psychoanalytic Perspectives

Thursday, April 29th - Sunday May 2nd, 2004
Los Angeles, California
The Loew’s Santa Monica Hotel

This conference will explore continuities and discontinuities between Relational theory and Freudian, British Object Relations, neo-Kleinian, Self Psychological, Interpersonal, Jungian and Lacanian perspectives. Events will include:

❖ Four plenary panels involving clinical case presentations discussed through the lens of multiple theoretical points of view.
❖ Pre-conference Master Class Workshops providing such courses as Key Concepts in the Evolution of Relational Theory; Parallels in Contemporary Self Psychological Relational Theory; An Introduction to the Works of Stephen Mitchell; Social Responsibility, Inclusiveness and Marginalization in Contemporary Psychoanalysis; Zen Buddhism and Relational Theory.

...and much more. Our final panels will summarize the proceedings as well as discuss the future of Relational psychoanalysis.

Please stay posted for further announcements
IARPP members will receive a discount on their registration fees
For further information about the conference please contact Cass Jones: cass@pcmisandiego.com

Conference Chair: Philip A. Ringstrom, Ph.D., Psy.D.
Conference Co-Chairs: Jody Messler Davies, Ph.D. and Spyros Orfanos, Ph.D.
Committee Report

The Committee for an Inclusive Psychoanalysis has been having online discussions in preparation for our workshop at the May 2004 IARPP conference.

Members of the committee will moderate three different discussions, one on “The Ethics and Practice of Inclusivity in Psychoanalysis” (Andrew Samuels), one on “Envy, Competition and the Need to Belong: A Conversation on Psychoanalytic Politics and Psychoanalytic Schools (Holly Levenkron), and one on “Psychoanalysis and the Public Sphere” (Steven Knoblauch and Lynne Layton).

For additional information about IARPP, see our website at www.iarpp.org

Member Publications

The following is a very partial list of recently published books, articles, and chapters by IARPP members, submitted by the authors. We will try to highlight members’ current publications as a twice-yearly eNews feature. Members should forward references to their most recent publications already in print to Maureen Murphy at pinc93@earthlink.net.

Books:


Raphael-Leff, J. (2002). Between sessions and beyond the couch. CPS Psychoanalytic Publications, University of Essex.


Articles & Chapters:


Beebe, B., Knoblauch, S., Rustin, J., & Sorter, D. (2003). Symposium on intersubjectivity in infant re-

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