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President's Report

by Stuart A. Pizer, Ph.D., ABPP

As of January 1, 2006, IARPP will have a new President: Hazel Ipp, Ph.D. of Toronto. We will be in the very best of hands and, in my role as Past-President, I will happily continue to work with her to provide for a smooth transition.

I want to take this occasion to report to you on developments within our IARPP community during my watch. In broadest terms, my aims as President have been to serve our founding vision by creating operating structures and procedures to articulate the functional systems of our fledgling association, to implement principles of democratic process and governance, to increase the delineation of our working committee structure, to establish mechanisms for increased communication and participation among our far-flung international mem-

bership, and to broaden the inclusive base of proprietorship of IARPP.

As for the current State of IARPP, to date we have grown to more than 900 members representing 21 countries and including analysts, therapists, scholars, candidates, and students. Our online Colloquia are enthusiastically received and our Web Seminars tend to be fully subscribed within two days of their initial announcement. Clearly IARPP is establishing a vital place in the professional life of our international community. Our most recent Annual Conference, in Rome this past June, was altogether a resounding success in intellectual, atmospheric, and fiscal terms. We look forward to enjoying soon a sensitively conceived and creatively planned Annual Conference in Boston from January 26-

29, 2006.

As I review the past two years, I'm pleased to report several governance and structural initiatives that are steps in building IARPP as a working association. I have promoted the planned phasing in of an election process among the general

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Membership for positions on the Board of Directors, with the goal of arriving within a few years at half the Board seats being filled by membership elections and half filled by elections held within the IARPP Board itself. It is hoped that this model will provide for both inclusiveness and continuity, the assurance of appropriate geographic and professional representation, and the flexibility to recruit individuals with particular skills needed for an effective Board of Directors.

I have appointed Co-

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chairs of a Membership Committee, Neil Altman, Ph.D. and Steven Knoblauch, Ph.D. (both in New York), and the Board has ratified the charge to this committee to facilitate the growth of membership, address emergent membership concerns and queries, and develop a framework for the establishment of Local Chapters. Currently, at least six local chapters are close to realization.

To encourage communication among the chairs and co-chairs of IARPP's standing committees, I have formed a Coordinating Committee, conceived as a kind of "president's cabinet," that is a forum, via ongoing listserv, for the President to communicate reciprocally with the working committees, to be advised of trends, needs, problems, or initiatives; to build the working ethos, principles, and procedures that will guide committee activities; to foster the potential for an increased "voice" for individuals who undertake responsibilities for IARPP's programs and infrastructure. I hope thereby to increase the sense and substance of community and mutual support among the workers in IARPP's "boiler room."

Mindful that we are a far-flung international as-

sociation with infrequent occasions to gather in person, I have pursued the establishment of enhanced forms of virtual gatherings. The Board has approved a new Intranet Committee and I have appointed Larry Zelnick, Ph.D. of New York as its very capable Chair. The Intranet Committee has worked with me, along with the essential participation of our pleni-potentiary Valerie Ghent, to negotiate a contract with IARPP member Todd Essig, Ph.D. (New York) of the Psychoanalytic Connection to create a number of online features. We are now at the threshold of implementing an online Membership Directory, which allows for secure access by members to update their own data; a Calendar of Events for members to submit programs and activities of local or general interest to be posted at our website; Conversation Spaces that can be utilized by IARPP members for such purposes as general communication and the potential for more focused follow-up from colloquia or conferences (or private spaces for seminar participants), as well as separate secure spaces for communications within Local Chapters. Details of membership administration, such as dues renewal or

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conference registration, will be streamlined by this online system. It is our hope and intention that these various features will augment your membership and offer increased access to modes of ongoing communication and participation.

We are a young Association, launched less than four years ago, in January 2002. We can take pride in how far we have come. But we should perhaps hold in mind that our vessel is only just emerging from the "shakedown cruise" phase. In these early years, we have moved forward while constructing the necessary working parts of our Association. In the course of planning our first conferences within inescapably brief production schedules, striving to bring life to our organization while bringing our organization to life, and learning how the elements of our infrastructure must interact, we have had to face the impossibility of meeting all of our goals. One example is the frustration of not being able to provide for the processing of refereed papers at our upcoming Boston Conference (although, as you will see, the Conference Co-chairs and committee members have been dedicated to the

inclusion of "new" voices in the program). The year-old IARPP Program Committee, chaired currently by Hazel Ipp, Ph.D. and Jonathan Slavin, Ph.D. of Boston, as it begins to approach conference production with the benefits of a longer planning horizon, has made a clear commitment that every Annual Conference ahead will include refereed papers, as well as a Membership Meeting.

So I circle back to where I started. Having devoted these past two years to stewardship of IARPP and the building of a more complexly and comprehensibly functioning Association, I look forward to my continued co-participation as a committed member of IARPP. I have learned more than I could now articulate, and I

treasure the privilege I've had to discover along the way relationships with new colleagues and friends. I welcome Gary Taerk, Ph.D. of Toronto to his new post as Treasurer, and heartily thank Muriel Dimen, Ph.D. who now steps down from that position so courageously assumed when we lost Mannie Ghent. I also want to formally welcome and introduce our new Administrative Assistant, Elisa Zazzera, and thank Valerie Ghent who, having single-handedly, but with multiple talents, created for IARPP a highly effective Central Office, now assumes her role as IARPP's Administrative Director. I wish Hazel's presidency fair winds and a willing crew, and I wish us all safe passage through rich waters and new psychoanalytic adventures. ❖

Dues Reminder:

The IARPP Membership year ends January 31, 2006(*). You may renew your dues for 2006 at the new IARPP Intranet via our secure, online renewal form. Please log in and renew your dues for 2006. Automatic reminders for renewal will be emailed to you starting in mid-December.

Please note that 2006 IARPP student dues have been reduced to the following: Category 1 (USA) \$45, Category 2 (Europe, Australia, U.K., Canada, Japan) \$30, Category 3 (Israel, Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia) \$22.50.

(*)UNLESS YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER SINCE OCTOBER 1, 2005.

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IARPP 5th Annual Conference ***Boston, 2006***

Close Encounters: Relational Perspectives at the Psychological Edge

*January 26-29, 2006
Park Plaza Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts, USA*

Through the creative initiative of our local Boston planning committee, in dialogue with the newly established IARPP Program Committee, the Boston Conference theme has been conceived in terms of light and darkness. We sought to capture, from a Relational perspective, some of the dimensions in the analyst's encounters with clinical and existential impossibilities. Our Plenary panels will address ways we hold the light of courage, tenacity, hope, creativity, love, and spiritual surrender in our encounters with the darkness of the unknowable, the inescapable, the unfathomable, the unacceptable, and the seemingly unchangeable. Thus our plenary presenters will speak to the challenging problems of "knowing" self and other; of facing illness, mortality, injury, or loss; of inhabiting the contexts of power, prejudice, and oppression; and finding the means to enlarge our minds to contain chaos and paradox and all that lies beyond our control. Reflecting our Conference theme of encounters at the psychological edge, our four Plenary Panels are titled:

- ❖ **Two Person Dialectics: The Analyst's Subjectivity in Dyadic Crisis**
- ❖ **The Shadow of Loss: Helplessness and Resilience in the Therapeutic Process**
- ❖ **Social Crisis as Psychic Emergency: The Clinical/Political Edge**
- ❖ **Chaos, Creativity, and Transformation**

In addition to the four plenary panels, the Boston 2006 Conference will offer 12 paper sessions, including speakers well known to you as well as several newer contributors within our IARPP community. We are happy to announce that we will be including presentations from many of the varied IARPP geographical constituencies as well as adding many new voices along with some of our well-known contributors.

Please mark your calendars now. We look forward to your joining us in Boston in January 2006!

To register online go to: <https://www.pcmisandiego.com/iarpp06/>

Barbara Pizer, Ed.D. and Hazel Ipp, Ph.D.
IARPP Boston Conference Committee Co-Chairs

Some Reflections On the First European Conference of IARPP in Rome, June 2005

by Elaine Luti

A book which I have read and re-read at intervals over the years is the now practically unknown "The Once and Future King." It was the basis of the Disney cartoon "The Sword in the Stone" and also of the musical "Camelot," both of which, now, are much better known than the original book. This is too bad, because neither of them got the point.

One was distracted in one instance by the cartoon potential of the young Arthur being transformed into animals by his tutor Merlin, and in the other by the Broadway potential of love, jealousy, and costumes.

Arthur was fostered into Kay's family, and because his origins were unknown, he would never be a knight, but his kind foster-father was preparing him for the best he could hope for in his condition, to become Kay's squire. Meanwhile, Merlin, hired to be their tutor, gave Arthur the educational experience of

being transformed into different animals. He learned the mindless Big Brother-like brainwashing of the fighting ants, to give him an idea of the mindlessness of war, he learned about the life of the hard-working beavers, the swimming fish, and others I don't remember (none were squirrels!).

At my favorite part of the book, he is asked by Sir Kay, now a knight at his first tournament, to go fetch his sword. But finding the inn empty and locked, (or am I confusing it with the cartoon?) he goes around desperately through the empty city looking for another he can bring to his friend and foster-brother. When he finds the sword in the stone, it seems like it was there for the taking, and he tries to pull it out. No luck. But then the images and voices of the animals he had become friends with during Merlin's educational transformations all speak to him at once (and here there is a richness of theory about development that it took psychoanalysis several decades to formulate) and they exhort him to try harder. But not, happily, just to try harder, which would be of little help and would probably dishearten him, they tell him just how to try harder. "Put your back into it!"

says the beaver – the others I don't remember, but they each remind him of the physical sensation of being that animal. The chorus of their voices, and the (dare I say it?) implicit memory of the physical sensations of being those very animals, make him able to reach once more and simply pull it out effortlessly.

It has always been a very powerful scene for me. It evokes my wonderful math teacher from high school, who was enthusiastic about it and on whose recommendation I read it; who taught us to think about math and not memorize it, because math, he said, could be figured out, and who taught us that if we don't go into some scientific field the only math we will ever really need in everyday life is the proportion, no other formula, because they all come down to that. To this day, his voice is telling me, when I try to figure out the unit price of something in a store or convert inches to centimeters, "use the proportion", and despite my total mathematical disability, I manage quite well.

His face is telling me about that book, and that scene holds my teacher's voice (exhorting, "put the proportion into it!").

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SAVE THE DATE!

IARPP ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
July 6, 7, 8 2007
Athens, Greece

Alexis Mordha
Spyros D. Orfanos
Conference Co-Chairs

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So why do I tell you about this? Well, partly because it really is a wonderful book, and because if you haven't discovered it yourself so far, the proportion really does solve all the mathematical problems you might come across in everyday life, but more than this, because this is what I brought away from this conference.

It was exhausting, overwhelming, too much to follow, my brain was fried, and could not take in all of what was actually said. But I found the next day, with my patients, I was much better, more alive, more real and I could see it also in them, I guess as a reflection of myself. I can count three minor breakthroughs yesterday, in patients I had resigned myself to having to plod along for months before getting where we seemed to get. It was because of this conference. But, no, not because of the contents. Not because I had received some new theoretical or technical knowledge.

I felt like the young Arthur, with all their voices behind me.

The quiet presence, the delicate strength, the maternal determination to fight for a patient, the confident security, the deep and communicative intensity and kindness, the quiet respectful listening, the empathy through tragedy, the bright steadfastness of one or

another of the speakers, these are just a few that happen to come to mind. I wasn't able to hear them all, and some papers came too late or too close to lunch for my mind to capture at all, but what I want to say is that it was not the contents that I carried away with me and which helped my patients. It was their selves, as they spoke, and as they gave me a sense of them-with-their-patients, it was the tone of voice, the turn of phrase, it was what they chose to notice and point out and how they did it. It was so much of what is not written, and while I sincerely hope we can have the papers in English eventually, it is mainly because through reading the papers I hope to re-evolve the voices, which will sustain me, as a therapist and as a person. The content, I will eventually and more slowly assimilate.

I'm particularly grateful that this conference focused mainly on the clinical, because I, for one, am completely incapable of assimilating theory in an oral presentation. At the least I need to be in a quiet room with the paper in front of me, and a pen in hand for comments. But if one example is worth a thousand words, one personal presentation is worth a thousand papers.

Thank you to the organizers, thank you to the speakers and thank you to all who came from all over the world. ❖

REGISTER NOW FOR BOSTON 2006!

Registration for the IARPP Boston 2006 conference registration is open.

To register online for the conference, please go to:

<https://www.pcmisandiego.com/iarpp06>

The conference brochure is available online at the IARPP website:

http://www.iarpp.org/html/conferences/1_26_06/index.cfm

On the IARPP website you will find more information about the conference, including speaker list, how to make your hotel reservation and more. Please note there is a maximum capacity for the conference so early registration is encouraged!

We hope to see you at the conference and thank you for your continuing membership with the IARPP.

*Stuart Pizer, President
Hazel Ipp, President-Elect and
Boston Conference co-Chair
Barbara Pizer, Boston Conference
co-Chair
Valerie Ghent, Administrative
Director*

Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Steven Knoblauch, Co-Chair

Co-Chairs: Neil Altman and Steven Knoblauch

Current Committee Members: Neil Altman, Renato Barauna, Margaret Black, Valerie Ghent, Steven Knoblauch, Judi Kobrick, Holly Levenkron, Marilyn Metzl, Maureen Murphy, Susi Nebbiosi, Susie Orbach, Tessa Phillips, Pia Roggero, Karen Rosica, Jermy Safran, Shelly Petnov-Sherman, Chana Ullman

Mission Statement:

The Membership Committee is charged with identifying and facilitating the implementation of strategies for sustaining and increasing IARPP membership. Recommendations are formulated through a consensus building process using an internet listserve and presented to the IARPP Board of Directors and/or executive officers. Participation in strategic implementation is undertaken by committee members as appropriate. The committee discusses and makes recommendations on policies related to IARPP membership, such as dues and membership benefits.

Co-chair Job Description:

The co-chairs of the membership committee serve as liaisons between the committee membership and the IARPP Board of Directors. This function includes periodic reports to the board or executive officers. The co-chairs either offer plans for membership recruitment or respond to ideas from committee members or contributors outside of the committee by initiating listserve conferencing aimed at developing consensus around proposals for recruitment strategies.

Committee Member Description and Nominating Process

Committee Members serve as representatives of different disciplines and/or different regions to identify needs of members and local chapters, as well as to review the privileges offered to individual members and local chapters, with a focus on how to sustain and increase membership participation in IARPP. Members have been nominated by different members of the Board and co-chairs in an effort to create a representative spectrum of disciplines and regional representation on the committee. Terms for service have not been determined as of this time.

Activities and Accomplishments of the Past Year

The Committee has worked on the following tasks:

- a) Review of membership fee structure and recommendation of a revised structure
- b) Review of strategies for involving local chapters in membership recruitment and presentation of a plan to the Board for review and approval
- c) Design of an application form for local chapters

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Future Plans:

In the next 12 months, the committee plans to review and design additional strategies for recruitment in collaboration with local chapters and regional representatives and to continue developing strategies for forming and empowering local chapters as a strategy for sustaining and increasing membership.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Dan Shaw, Co-Chair

Co-chairs: Dan Shaw, Steven Cooper

Chairwoman Emeritus: Peggy Crastnopol

Director of Small Seminars - Jeremy Safran

CEUs - Shelly Petnov-Sherman (who recently has been appointed Continuing Education Credit Coordinator and Chair of her own Committee)

Members: Tony Bass, Carolyn Clement, Adrienne Harris, Dodi Goldman, Lynne Layton, Sharon Mariner, Gianni Nebbiosi, Susie Orbach, Bruce Reis, Annie Stopford, Larry Zelnick

Mission Statement:

The Continuing Education Committee organizes and administers two online colloquia per year. It is remarkable that one sentence covers what amounts to a year round mountain of work for each colloquium.

The co-chairs solicit suggestions for papers, choose the papers to be used, choose and solicit the panelists, choose moderators, instruct all of the above on their tasks coordinate with Val Ghent, Todd Essig and Shelly Petnov Sherman. Committee members are asked to participate in the selection of papers for the colloquia. Two excellent colloquia were presented in the past year. In February, 2005, "Faggot = Loser," by Ken Corbett; and in May, 2005, "Black and White Thinking: A Psychoanalyst Reconsiders Race" by Neal Altman.

We have just produced the last colloquium this year, "The Analyst's Badness: A Roundtable Discussion." We are experimenting with using 3 papers, by Larry Josephs, Eric Mendelsohn and Joyce Slochower, and we'll see how this format goes. We will be planning three more colloquia for February, May, and November, 2006.

Finally, as of the November Colloquium, Peggy Crastnopol is stepping down as chair, leaving Steven Cooper and myself in charge. She did the work of ten people and her contribution to the quality and excellence of the colloquia was enormous. We owe a great debt of thanks to Peggy.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AN INCLUSIVE PSYCHOANALYSIS

Submitted by Lynne Layton, Chair

Chair: Lynne Layton

Members: Shaki Topalian, Barbara Feld, Mary Sussillo, Holly Levenkron, David Schwartz, Barbara Schapiro, Annie Stopford, Andrew Samuels, Stephen Knoblauch, Jade McGleughlin, Carla Lipsig-Mumme, Linda Robinson, Sue Oliver, Elena Moser

Mission Statement:

The Committee for an Inclusive Psychoanalysis was originally formed at the first New York conference, and it arose as an organizational and political response to feelings that certain important contributors to and tributaries of relational theory had been left out of the planning for the first conference: the gay and lesbian contribution, social work's contribution, racial issues, etc. The concern was that IARPP should not replicate or seem to replicate what were seen as undesirable tendencies in the history of mainstream psychoanalysis to marginalize such contributions and issues. At the first board meeting I attended, in January 2002, I understood the mission of this committee primarily to involve a liaison function with other committees. I understood that our task was to represent voices from the margins. Given that the margins are all too often not represented in mainstream psychoanalysis, the hope was that our committee would be in close contact with other committees and with the needs of the membership so that what happened in the planning of the first conference would not happen again. Our understanding was that the committee was formed because the Board and other committee chairs in IARPP wanted to know if there were ways the orga-

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RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS:

IARPP COLLOQUIA ARCHIVES

We have just completed the seventh IARPP Colloquium entitled "The Analyst's Badness in the Analytic Process: A Roundtable Discussion." In case you missed this provocative discussion, it and all the previous Colloquia are available through our online archives.

For information on how to access Colloquium archives, please visit the IARPP members-only Intranet.

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nization was intentionally or unintentionally failing to use its power in democratic ways and failing to be inclusive to the diverse concerns of people who are members. The committee's mission will often involve us in projects that will "unsettle the center," but this should always take place in the interests of the organization, its members, and the field as a whole. The hope is that centers and margins do not crystallize as such and in opposition to one another. Rather, an inclusive perspective implies that centers are always open to be redefined and reinvigorated by what they intentionally or unintentionally exclude.

Concretely, our mission, then, is to offer suggestions to the board, the program committee, the continuing education committee (on which two of our members now serve), and to other committees in two general areas: (1) issues that have to do with the democratic functioning of the organization and impediments to such functioning, and (2) finding ways to include in our programming and education offerings content areas traditionally marginalized by psychoanalysis. To achieve the mission of growing IARPP in such a way that it becomes an organization in which all of us in power positions are responsive to the aforementioned inclusivity issues, this committee has to have clear ways to interact with other organizational centers of power: the board and other committees.

In the past year, two of our members began to serve on the Continuing Education Committee; this committee has responded actively to our concerns to broaden our notion of relational work by focusing on relational work on race, gender, sexuality, class, and other traditionally marginalized subject areas in psychoanalysis. Two of our members were also on the program committee for the 2006 conference in Boston and found that committee as well to be open both to broadening offered content and to seeking a balance between speakers who often speak at our conferences and those who have never spoken. We have advocated for refereed papers and Membership Meetings at each IARPP Annual Conference.

Looking ahead, we have been discussing and will continue to discuss ideas about how to create IARPP spaces within which members can more easily communicate with one another. The inclusivity committee is mindful of the need to self-monitor its own processes and activities and to insure an appropriate turnover of membership of the committee and that the committee is itself inclusive. We are very interested to hear members' thoughts both about our committee's agenda and about your own inclusivity concerns. ❖

Call For Members' Publications

**Members
are invited
to send us
notice of their
major new
publications
for listing in a
future issue of
eNews. Please
email us 2005
publications
for the Winter
2006 issue
of the IARPP
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Upcoming IARPP Web Seminars

November 28 - December 23, 2005 Barry
Magid

Desire and the Self: Buddhist and Psychoanalytic Perspectives

Dr. Magid is a training and supervising analyst at The Postgraduate Center for Mental Health and the founding Zen teacher of the Ordinary Mind Zendo in New York City, having received Dharma Transmission from Charlotte Joko Beck in 1999.

He is editor of ***“Freud’s Case Studies: Self Psychological Perspectives”*** (Analytic Press 1993) and author of ***“Ordinary Mind: Exploring the Common Ground of Zen and Psychoanalysis”*** (Wisdom 2002).

February 6 - March 3, 2006

Juan Tubert-Oklander

The Clinical Diary of 1932 and the New Psychoanalytic Clinic

[To be conducted in Spanish]
Registration to be Announced

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Members are encouraged to visit the IARPP website at www.iarpp.org. An on-line membership directory is now available to members via the new Intranet services. Past and upcoming colloquium information is available as well, along with IARPP conference information, past issues of the IARPP eNews, and other membership information.

New IARPP Intranet

Members should be aware of the new, members-only IARPP Intranet which is now up and running. Members should receive a unique ID and password which can be used to access the site. The link to the Intranet can be found at the upper right of the IARPP website.

As IARPP continues to grow, so does our need to communicate with each other and be able easily to access information about activities and programs. The IARPP Intranet has been designed to do just that, help members communicate and have up-to-date information.

The IARPP Intranet, with a password-protected login, already has a searchable membership directory, a Bulletin Board, and Event Calendar, and CE Exams. It provides an exciting new array of online services for the IARPP membership, and as it grows and develops will provide more. For more information about Intranet features contact info@iarpp.org.

Intranet Committee Chair:

Larry Zelnick, Ph.D.

Committee Members:

Diane Ungar, Ann Baranowski,
Scott Bishop, Shlomo
Beinart and Alisa De Torres