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The Newsletter of the Society of Modern Psychoanalysts

SMP Offering Malpractice Insurance to Members

Lucy Holmes

The Society of Modern Psychoanalysts has endorsed the American Professional Agency, Inc. to offer malpractice insurance to its members. Currently, American Professional offers low cost insurance to the members of the National Association of Social Workers and the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis. SMP is proud to be able to offer its members an opportunity to purchase these policies. Graduates of modern analytic institutes with a minimum of a masters degree will receive full coverage. Students currently enrolled in modern analytic institutes can receive insurance for school related practice. American Professional will soon be sending a brochure about their program to all SMP members.

Annual SMP Conference Tour

Alma Weisberg

Our Italian Trip began on June 21st. SMP members and their families—21 in all, from destinations such as New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, California and Washington convened on the shores of Lago Maggiore in Baveno, Italy. Ted Laqueria, SMP Tour Conference Coordinator, arranged for our professional meetings to be held “al fresco” under a lovely gazebo with commanding views of the lake and the surrounding countryside. Our first presenter, Marvin Koven, President of California Graduate Institute, (CGI), discussed group processes in institute training. On the following day, Judith Hecker, a graduate of CGI, presented on fratricide issues of western man and the Muslim world. Jane Snyder, and Beth Dorsey, of the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, (BGSP), discussed chapters they had written for a book on ethics soon to be published. Phyllis Meadow, president of BGSP and the book’s editor, led a lively discussion on this topic. Our leisure time

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INSTITUTE NEWS

ACAP, Centenary College and the Masters Program

Patricia Harte Bratt

The Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis, ACAP (formerly PCNJ) has entered into an affiliation with Centenary College of Hackettstown, New Jersey, to establish the first Master of Arts in Psychoanalysis in the state of New Jersey. ACAP will be the off-site graduate department, conducting classes and clinical training at its West Orange location. Centenary College and its programs are Middle States Accredited.

The ACAP program marks the second New Jersey milestone for the psychoanalytic profession. In July 2000, Governor Christine Whitman signed a bill providing state certification for psychoanalysts. The new law and the launch of the Masters program defines psychoanalysis in New Jersey as an independent profession; having both certification and a college-based, graduate program. ACAP is now accepting applications for the graduate program beginning with the Fall 2003 semester. Students completing the Master of Arts degree may apply for acceptance, with advanced standing, to ACAP’s clinical certificate program that leads to eligibility for state certification.

The Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis’, (ACAP) Masters and Level A of its certificate program are identical, providing a basic curriculum to prepare strategic analytic thinkers. Whether students take one course, enroll in the Masters program, or become a candidate in training leading to eligibility for State Certification as a Psychoanalyst, they will learn: techniques for working effectively with difficult people, active listening, conflict resolution, crisis negotiation, communication for cooperation and problem solving. The ACAP program promotes an understanding of unconscious motivation, group

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SMP Board proposes bylaw change to recognize psychoanalysts trained abroad

Lucy Holmes

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of SMP has drafted a proposed change to the bylaws, which would make it possible for the Society to grant membership to distinguished psychoanalysts who have been trained at institutes in other countries. The modification would occur in Section 2 of the By-laws under the category, "Individuals - P: Psychoanalyst." It would read as follows: "An applicant trained in a country other than the United States, who offers proof of institute equivalency, or has distinguished himself/herself in the field of psychoanalysis, as determined by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees; and has been recommended for membership as a "P" Psychoanalyst, by the Membership Committee." By-laws may be amended at the annual membership meetings, with 30 days notice, or at a meeting called by the President with 30 days notice, and with two-thirds of the members present or responding in writing, voting in favor. (25 members constitute a quorum). The Board of Directors, at its September 16, 2003 meeting, decided to table the amendment concerning the memo described above until the annual membership meeting in April, 2004.

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was spent visiting the islands of Lago Maggiore and Como and enjoying the cuisine of Northern Italy including an unforgettable dinner at *Navedno*, an exquisite restaurant near Lake Como. Venice, which was our last destination, proved as rewarding as the Lake Region. We stayed at a converted Doge's palace (*Hotel Grand dei Dogi*) in a section close to the Jewish quarter with a variety of walks through the islands that make up this magical city.

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All SMP members and their families are cordially invited to attend future conference tours and are encouraged to communicate their **ideas for future tour itineraries** to Ted Laqueria. Especially welcome are locations where members are acquainted with local professionals who would like to meet with us.

Contact Ted Laqueria via e-mail: TLaqueria@aol.com.

Editors' Note

This is the last issue of *the Analyst* to be edited by Lorraine Smithberg and Ruth Meyers. We wish to thank the Modern analytic community, our many contributors and the SMP board—all of whom have given so much support to the creation of this publication. We are happy to welcome Angela Musolino and Charlotte Melnik as the new editors of *the Analyst*. All four of us have collaborated on this issue and feel that it reflects the dynamism of our organization with news of events such as conferences, outreach programs and degree-granting.

Lorraine Smithberg and Ruth Meyers

SMP Welcomes New Institutes

The SMP Institute Membership and Accreditation Committee, Vicki Semel, chair, has announced the accreditation of two new SMP member institutes. We would like to welcome the **New Jersey Center for Modern Psychoanalysis (NJCMP)** of Fair Lawn, New Jersey and the **Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute (KPI)** in Louisville, Kentucky.

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ACAP's Annual Summer Conference at Long Beach Island

The Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis' (ACAP, formerly PCNJ) thirteenth annual summer conference was held from August 3rd to 6th, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church, Beach Haven Terrace, Long Beach Island. This year's theme was, "Difficult People: living, loving and working with them." Workshops covered related themes such as "Why patients do not cooperate: compelled to resist," "Managing the difficult personality in a group," and "Developing emotional intelligence in children." Also offered, a workshop on "Advanced business success for private practitioners: launching and maintaining a thriving private practice." Many evening activities were planned and of course there was the beach to entice the record-setting number of participants!

Interdisciplinary Conference Explores Violence



Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis
Institute for the Study of Violence

The Spring Conference "Why Violence," held on April 5th, 2003 at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, looked at violence from socio-cultural, psychoanalytic, and biological points of view. Presenters at this interdisciplinary conference, co-sponsored by The Institute for the Study of Violence (ISV) at the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis (BGSP)

and the Department of Sociology at University of Massachusetts, included: Dr. Nancy Scheper-Hughes, professor of medical anthropology at University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Phyllis Meadow, President of BGSP and the Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies (CMPS), in Manhattan, founder and director of the ISV at BGSP, Dr. Charles Lemert, Andrus Professor of Sociology at Wesleyan University, and Dr. Debra Niehoff neurobiologist and science writer.

Presenting on everyday manifestations of violence, Dr. Scheper-Hugh reported on the shantytowns of northern Brazil where inhabitants developed a mythology of "angel babies" to normalize ritual starvation and neglect of infants. Although related to the political reality of limited resources and religious restrictions on family planning, Dr. Scheper-Hughes focused on how these explanations hide the violent nature of the action. Dr. Meadow presented on destructivity in the personality, the influence of drive diffusion on how individuals use objects in the environment to process destructivity and the effects on interpersonal relations. Dr. Lemert presented on the ways in which the activity of analysis as an intellectual process breaks wholes into smaller parts, inflicts violence on social systems resulting in unexpected and unintended consequences.

Dr. Niehoff presented findings from her studies on brain anatomy and physiology associated with aggression. She described congenital anatomic and hormonal pathways associated with an aggressive personality. Dr. Niehoff has been able to demonstrate that these pathways can be modified by environmental influences to increase or decrease the likelihood of individuals to express aggression in violence. Dr. Fulwiler discussed the relationship between mental illness, substance abuse and violence in working with a large forensic population and reported success in reducing violent behavior using pharmaceutical intervention and structured treatments in a mental health setting.

A panel discussion moderated by Dr. Contardo Calligaris responded to the presentations with thoughtful questions and comments for the audience. This conference provided a beginning effort at understanding violence and developing strategies to reduce its destructivity at individual, societal and international levels.

2003 Summer Conference in Vermont

June Bernstein

In a weekend
of high living,
deep thinking
(and some feeling)



the Cyril Z. Meadow Institute was host to a conference in which Dr. Phyllis Meadow, faculty, and students from three modern psychoanalytic institutes, Boston Graduate School for Psychoanalysis (BGSP), the Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies, (CMPS), and the Cyril Z. Meadow Institute (CZMI), met from July 25th through the 27th, 2003 to discuss the topic "Why don't we all get better? Motivations for and against cure." Following open group discussions led by Faye Newsome, Eugene Goldwater, and Dolores Welber, advanced doctoral candidates, Jack Mattair, Joanne White, Charlotte Melnik, Miriam Riss and Dan Gilhooley presented their research. Paul Sheftel then offered us "A Bach Encounter," followed by eating, drinking, dancing on the lawn, and more talking at Dr. Meadow's house down the lane from the CZMI barn. In between there was swimming, hiking, more talking, more eating, and socializing.

June Bernstein and Ron Lieber are already discussing improvements for next year's conference (more food—especially breakfast, more time off for exploring the countryside, better parking arrangements and better collection of fees). Those who attended the conference without paying (including faculty) are invited to send their donations to the President's Fund at CZMI, CMPS, or BGSP.

The conference committee which included: Emily Calkins, Robin Jones, Jennifer Lieber, and Rebecca Reed served heroically.

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dynamics, healthy personality development, interpersonal relationship styles, psychopathology, and each person's motivational triggers — how to get more out of life.

ACAP directors, Vicki Semel, Pat Bratt, Maurice Lovell, and Sheila Zaretsky acknowledge that the successful inception of the program results from an enthusiastic collaboration with Centenary colleagues, Bryon Grigsby, Terry Eason, Tom Brunner, and Harriett Gaddy—all innovators open to new ideas and willing to take on a challenge. Although legal details prevented the program's publication until August 2003, five new students are enrolled in the graduate department, and the calls coming in signify a demand for clinical training of this caliber. Information: 973-736-7600.

License News

Three Psychoanalysts Appointed to Mental Health Practitioners Board

THE BOARD OF REGENTS on June 14th approved the appointment of sixteen individuals to the Mental Health Practitioners Board. Twelve are mental health professionals including three certified psychoanalysts, Barbara Berger, Kathy Joyce, and Lee Jenkins, and a physician/psychiatrist, and three public members. David Hamilton was appointed Executive Secretary. Regulatory Board members assist the New York State Education Department to develop and implement regulations to protect the public and the licensing of psychoanalysts. To learn more visit: www.op.nysed.gov/mhplawregs.htm and www.op.nysed.gov/mhpques-ans.htm.

NOTEWORTHY PUBLICATIONS

October, 2003 - "The New Psychoanalysis," a new book by Phyllis Meadow, PhD, published by Rowman and Littlefield is available in hardcover and paperback at www.roman.com and the CMPS bookstore. Books will also be available at Dr. Meadow's book signing at BGSP on Friday, November 21. (*See community calendar for details*)

October, 2003 - A special monograph of the journal *Modern Psychoanalysis*, selected papers of Evelyn Liegner, PhD, the fourth in a series that includes Phyllis W. Meadow, PhD, Benjamin Margolis, PhD and Arnold Bernstein, PhD.

**Watch for Details on
SMP's Annual Conference
April 2004**



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