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The Newsletter of the Society of Modern Psychoanalysts

A Message to SMP Members from our New President Lucy Holmes

As I begin my term as President of the Society of Modern Psychoanalysts, I feel both the excitement of a new adventure and the sense that I am coming home. I am very proud to be leading an organization with a distinguished twelve year history and over three hundred members devoted to the principles of Modern Psychoanalysis. I have the privilege of working with a newly elected Board that will face many challenges with creativity and intelligence.

The profession of psychoanalysis must adhere to the highest standards for training, research and ethics if it is to survive in this world of managed care, psychotropic drugs, and an emphasis on short term solutions. SMP is committed to developing and maintaining these standards.

The directory we publish, the scientific conferences we sponsor, and the work we do to support legislation favorable to modern analysis, all attest to the leadership role the organization has played and will continue to play. (See the Society's letter to Governor George Pataki reproduced at right.)

As your President, I will devote myself to enhancing the reputation of Modern Psychoanalysis and encouraging collaboration and cooperation among all psychoanalytic organizations. Above all, I look forward to the lively discourse with like-minded colleagues in the days ahead. I hope you all will join me in supporting this important organization.

SMP Expresses Opposition to Bill A11769

THE SOCIETY OF MODERN PSYCHOANALYSTS
16 West 10th Street, New York, NY 10011

Governor George Pataki
State Capital
Albany, NY 12224

October 31, 2002

Re: New York State Assembly Bill A11769

Dear Governor Pataki:

As the President of the Society of Modern Psychoanalysts, I am writing to express the Society's opposition to Bill A11769, which is currently on your desk, awaiting signature. The Society has a long history of setting standards for psychoanalysis and was very active in consulting with the states of Vermont and New Jersey regarding legislation in those states that led to their current laws certifying psychoanalysis.

SMP has always favored the establishment of psychoanalysis as a separate profession here in New York. We do not believe the current bill has been created in the best interest of the profession.

We strongly object to the following provisions:

- Bill A11769 gives psychologists the right to "practice psychoanalysis" without psychoanalytic training.
- It requires psychoanalysts to be overseen by physicians, while no such requirement is stated for psychologists.
- The bill requires that a physician sit on the Psychoanalytic State Board. With this logic, a psychoanalyst should sit on the Medical Board.

The Society is completely in favor of a law regulating the profession of psychoanalysis. We urge you to send this bill back to the Assembly for review and revision, so that it can do what it is intended to do: recognize psychoanalysis as an independent profession and provide state oversight of the profession as with any other.

Yours truly,
Lucy Holmes, CSW, PhD

Cc: Senator Lavallo, Assemblyman Sanders

For more details on Bill A11769 please refer to the Spring 2002 issue of the Analyst found on SMP's Website: www.SocModPsychoanalysts.org.

• COMMUNITY CALENDAR •

Submit all calendar dates (no ads will be taken) to Ruth Meyers at RBMEY@aol.com for inclusion in the Analyst.

Sunday, November 24—Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey (PCNJ) will sponsor the showing of a new documentary "My Name Was Sabina Spielrein" at Drew University Library. 3-5:30pm. Reservations: 973-736-7600.

Tuesday afternoon December 10—Open House at Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies (CMPS.) 1:00-2:00 pm. Informal informational group meeting to learn about the program and how it might meet your needs. An opportunity to raise questions and tour the building. 212-260-7050.

Saturday, December 14—Annual Holiday Party at CMPS 6:00 pm, hosted by the Alumni Association.

Wednesday evening, January 8—Informational Open House at CMPS, 5:45-6:45 pm (see December 10) 212-260-7050.

Friday, April 5—The Institute for the Study of Violence (ISV) at Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis (BGSP) will hold a Conference and Dinner. Call: 617-277-3915.

Sunday, April 6—SMP Annual Meeting/Conference NYC.

June 19 to June 29—SMP is considering another Conference Tour to Northern Italy! If interested, please contact: Dr. Ted Laqueria: 212-242-1107 or tlaquercia@aol.com.

Mid-Manhattan Institute (MMI)—now accepting submissions for second edition of *Annals of Modern Psychoanalysis*. Contact the editors at 212-799-8558.

• Event Updates: www.SocModPsychoanalysts.org •

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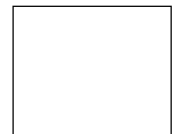
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