

Editorial

Dear members of ISPPM,

Let me take this opportunity at this festive season of Christmas to wish you a Merry Christmas on behalf of the ISPPM Board members. We also wish to extend these warm and cordial greetings to you. As we come to the end of the year I would like to review the many developments that have transpired with the association. Among International experts we have achieved a position of influence from our work. Our membership has grown and we are fast becoming a colourful and diverse community with many multifaceted aspects to it. Our members are participants in many committees. Our organization's views are being sought after especially with regard to child protection, the birth process and what contributes to a safe pregnancy.

I also need to acknowledge that we have faced as a board some challenging moments yet we had an extremely successful annual gathering in Maastricht once again showing that we are a harmonious society very engaged with the diverse questions and viewpoints that arise.

I need to assure you that this creates a deep happiness for me and I confidently look forward to a flourishing society in the years ahead. Let me take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a healthy, joyful and successful New Year on behalf of the Board members and myself.

Warm wishes

Dr. Sven Hildebrandt

President of the ISPPM



Gerrit van Honthorst, "Adoration of the Child", about 1620

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Highlights From the Extended Board

Paula Diederichs recently represented the ISPPM e.V. at the 25th years jubilee of the UN children's rights convention in Berlin. Marita Klippel-Heidekrüger also attended on behalf of Green Birth e.V. and in the ISPPM e.V..



How the ISPPM e.V. became member of the German NC (national coalition for implementing the UN children's rights convention):

It is not only because of the 25th years jubilee of the children's rights convention by the UNO that we are getting this public attention. But also because in 2010 the Charité made public having monitored a birth in the MRT the three associations i.e. GreenBirth e.V., GfG (Society for birth preparation, women's health and family-planning) and DFH (German professional organisation for homebirth) along with the ISPPM started a close cooperation and wrote a statement about the "shortcomings in mother-child-protection" (July 2014). The paper was signed and published by all the four of them.

The German National Coalition (NC) being responsible for applying the UN-Children's Right Convention immediately took notice of this paper. Its authors were invited and encouraged to become members of the NC Deutschland to create a team working on the pre- and perinatal rights of children. From this the four societies agreed to become members of the NC Deutschland. GreenBirth was chosen to represent the four of them. The application was accepted by the Board of the NC. Since October 2014 the four societies are members of NC. Irene Behrmann head of GreenBirth e.V. and member of the extended board of the ISPPM is the representative represents of the four societies in the NC.

In November 2014 was the 25th anniversary of the Children's Rights Convention, because of this Bundesministerin for Children, Youth and Family Manuela Schwesig invited 300 children from all over Germany for a jubilee party, which was well covered by the media. There were also some representatives from political parties, professional circles, organisations and associations.

Manuela Schwesig stressed that the rights of children should be part of the constitution. "Children's rights deserve to be inherent part of the Constitution i.e. the most important document representing our values". She promised to install a monitoring group on behalf of this. (This is already in existence for a long time on behalf of handicapped citizens).

Dominating topics at the jubilee party have been about protecting children from domestic violence, having them have access to clean water globally, giving children the right to obtain a birth certificate (230 million of children do not have any), protecting children from being warparticipants.

At this stage topics like pregnancy and birth were not included here. In fact when I distributed our leaflets I felt far away from being heard with our request

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for installing pre- and perinatal children's rights. It also felt awkward to be simply viewed as an anti-abortion activist. Nevertheless it was good for the ISPPM e.V. to be officially represented at this event.

Marita Klippel-Heidekrüger

Dates isppm e.V.

28 / 29th March 2015: Extended Board retreat in Wiesbaden

09 / 10th May 2015. Working Meeting of AG Prenatal Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics in Tübingen

If you are interested to cooperate, may get in touch with Martina Gellert, Marita Klippel-Heidekrüger or Ludwig Janus.

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23 - 25 October 2015: Annual Conference in Berlin

"I feel - therefore I am"

Prenatal life and birth culture as a balancing act between human rights, health policy, ethics and economics

Contact: Irene Behrmann Irene.Behrmann@t-online.de

The Board is involved in the further planning, subtitle has been modified. The aim of the conference is the assessment and revision of existing for 10 years Charter on the Rights of the Child before birth and sustainable networking initiatives and associations committed to child protection.

The program is not yet fixed in detail, will be presented shortly.

10 to 12 June 2016: bonding analysis conference in Cologne

Contact: Helga Blazy nc-blazyhe@netcologne.de

Dates Conferences and Congresses

8. – 10. Mai 2015

10. Fachtagung für Primäre Prävention und Körperpsychotherapie

Frühe Prägungen

Eltern – Säugling – (Körper-)Psychotherapie im Dialog

Oldenburg

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May 15 – 16, 2015

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DEVELOPMENT

Institute for Experimental Phonetics and Speech Pathology, Belgrade, Serbia
**International Congress "Mental trauma: prenatal and postnatal aspects.
The sources, consequences, diagnostics, therapy, and prophylactics"**
Belgrade, Serbia

May 21 – 23, 2015

2nd European Congress on Intrapartum Care
Porto, Portugal
<http://www.ecic2015.org>

December 3rd - 6th, 2015

APPPAH's 19th International Congress

**Birth and Society: How Birth Impacts Society and how Society Impacts
Birth.**

[Registration here](#)

January, 2016

Human Rights in Childbirth: India Conference

Bangalore, India

The global community has been working for decades toward Millenium Development Goal 5, to reduce maternal mortality through the twin targets of a) ensuring access to skilled birth attendance and emergency obstetric care, and b) achieving universal access to reproductive health, with targets for the end of 2015. In January, 2016, Human Rights in Childbirth will host an international conference in India on the role of human rights in maternity care systems.

humanrightsinchildbirth.com/india-conference/

Further Education/Workshops

Workshops and Trainings with Matthew Appleton and Jenni Meyer:

- **Birth From the Baby's Perspective**
A One Day Introduction to Integrative Baby Therapy
- **Integrative Baby Therapy**
Therapy Training
- **Soul Loss**
A Pre and Perinatal Perspective

For further details or to book a place contact: Conscious Embodiment Trainings

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Newsletter December_2014

December 9, 2014, 9 am PST, noon EST, 4 pm GMT

Final LIVE **Teleconference of the first APPPAH Professional Development**
With Wendy Anne McCarty, PhD

NEW APPPAH Professional Development Series:

Mondays at 4 pm PST, 7 pm EST, 11 pm GMT,
starting January 12, 2015

With Michel Odent, Barbara Findeisen, Thomas Verny, William Emerson a.o.
This series features never before published papers and videos from these famous pioneers, as well as more well known articles.

More information: birthpsychology.com/courses/

News

Hello Dear Ones,

I am writing to invite you all to sign up for Birth Into Being's Newsletter to stay connected with Elena Tonetti-Vladimirova, a speaker at the ISPPM Conference in November.

When you sign up, you will receive the free gift of the 25 minute version of Elena's film, "Birth As We Know It" for download and online streaming.

Please sign up here: <http://www.birthintobeing.com/newsletter>

Let's keep the connection strong and the energy flowing!

Womb Twin News December 2014

[Link Newsletter](#)

WHO has released a statement with the title

„Prevention and elimination of disrespect and abuse during childbirth”

http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/topics/maternal_perinatal/statement-childbirth/en/?utm_content=buffer34ea9&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

Here the paper:

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/134588/1/WHO_RHR_14.23_eng.pdf?ua=1

Other recent posts from our fields and network are always available on our [Facebook-page](#).

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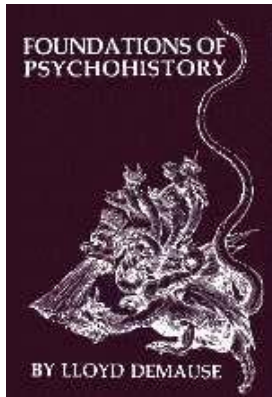
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Reading Tipp



Lloyd DeMause:

Foundations of Psychohistory

This pioneering book has become the standard text for most psychohistory courses around the world.

“Psychohistory might be viewed as state-of-the-art psychoanalysis extended to large groups, but it goes far beyond the clinical model of psychoanalysis, into the everyday content of human emotions such as religion, the arts, nations and economic systems.

Review (by Jim Sturges):

"Foundations of Psychohistory" is very accessible without specialized training, but is also deeply rewarding to specialists and scholars who can tolerate the presentation of a new paradigm for the studies of both psychology and history.

The psychodynamic theories of Lloyd deMause are rooted in modern trauma theory, and to a lesser degree in the object relations of Klein, Bion and Fairbairn; however, he uses his exhaustive studies of group fantasy to achieve major strides beyond these. In the opinion of this reviewer, he has written the book that defines the starting point for the depth psychology of the 21st century.

In psychoanalysis, the relationships of humans with their groups, cultures and (often shared) modes of childhood experience are virtually ignored. Lloyd deMause brilliantly analyzes the methods whereby large groups achieve powerful emotional "consensus" for actions by reference to these highly charged childhood and infantile emotional experiences.

This book is equally indispensable for those interested in the "why" of history, and those interested in the nature of human experience. By contrast, mainstream psychoanalysis tends to ignore the profound importance of group experiences (outside the oedipal family, or "objects of attachment"), while other social sciences tend to ignore the fact that a society consists of a group of individuals. "Foundations of Psychohistory" is a first, but giant, step towards a vastly improved understanding of the human condition."

Although his theory should be partly revised in the light of the newest findings of prenatal psychology, the discussion of this great pioneer of prenatal psychology is worthwhile. Start reading from the back, with the essay "The Fetal Origins of History"!

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