

## Newsletter No. 2

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### Dear ISPPM-Members!

First we would like to welcome all new members. Thank you for joining the ISPPM e.V.! As you see the new or rather **redesigned logo** is ready – we hope, you like it... We are 71 ISPPM members as things are now. Attached please find the updated **memberlist**.

To gain social influence and to allow for professional executive board work we should concentrate on winning new members. Hopefully the conference in Frankfurt (Oct. 2011) will bring admission.

**Our official email address [secretary@isppm.de](mailto:secretary@isppm.de) is activated again. You can now use it for your correspondence with ISPPM e.V. Thank you!**

### Out of the board working

In May an extended board meeting will take place, where the working groups will present their first findings and coordinate their work.

As a matter of course we will inform you about that meeting in the next newsletter.

The board has commissioned Gisela Wallbruch to work out a concept for an **information center** of the ISPPM e.V., in which the **Graber library** will be integrated.

Main focus of our work currently is the preparation of the new website and the organization of the ISPPM **annual conference in Frankfurt a.M.**

As contributors until now we have won Paula Ingalls, Rien Verdult, Franz Renggli, Ludwig Janus, Simon House inter alia. We want to gather interested people from all relevant professions with a many-sided top-class program and produce a media feedback as well.

For this we are looking for co-operators for the **working group PR**.

And we don't even have a working group for the **conference organization**, so we are happy about every kind offer to help us. Who would like to contribute some engagement please inform Heiner Alberti, the chairman of the extended board, Email:

[alberti@koerpertherapie-luebeck.de](mailto:alberti@koerpertherapie-luebeck.de).

### Website

Our new homepage will have an intern **memberlogin**, where everyone can introduce him or herself with name, profession, main focus, website and maybe a picture. If you

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send your **member information** directly to **Christof Plothe**, Email [plothe@yahoo.com](mailto:plothe@yahoo.com)  
it will appear on our new website.

### Complaint against MRT-Birth

We are quite worried the increasing permeation of technology in the field of pregnancy and birth. One of the newest outgrowth of this fatal tendency is the so called MRT-Birth. Childbirth takes place under an magnetic resonance tomography to take good pictures. The Charité (clinic in Berlin) is very proud of their technical innovation: [http://radiologie.charite.de/index.action/open\\_news\\_article\\_oid/713308.html](http://radiologie.charite.de/index.action/open_news_article_oid/713308.html)  
Dr. Sven Hildebrandt has already given a critical comment (please find it attached). Irene Behrmann initiated to deposit complaint against MRT-Birth at the German public health department by several associations. The ISPPM e.V. is one of them.

### New publications

#### **Blaffer-Hrdy (2010): Mothers and Others. The Evolutionary Origins of Mutual Understanding (Belknap Press)**

Provocative. [Hrdy] argues that unlike other apes, Homo sapiens could never have evolved if human mothers had been required to raise their offspring on their own. Human infants are too helpless and too expensive in their demands for care and resources. So human females have to line up helpers--sometimes extending beyond their own kin--to raise their young. That requires both males and females to invest heavily in social skills for bargaining with other members of their groups. Hrdy suggests that females in ancestral hunting and gathering groups may have thrived because they were free to be flexible in this way. Female flexibility was reduced when humans established settlements requiring male coalitions to defend them, probably leading to greater control of females by males...The most refreshing aspect of [this] book is the challenge [it] offers to what we thought we already knew.

John Odling-Smee (Nature 20090626)

Hardy argues that human cooperation is rooted not in war making, as sociobiologists have believed, but in baby making and baby-sitting. Hrdy's conception of early human society is far different from the classic sociobiological view of a primeval nuclear family, with dad off hunting big game and mom tending the cave and the kids. Instead, Hrdy paints a picture of a cooperative breeding culture in which parenting duties were spread

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out across a network of friends and relatives. The effect on our development was profound.

Julia Wallace (Salon 20090515)

[...] Babies became specialists in reading cognitive and emotional states of their different baby sitters and to interact effectively to fulfill their needs. Here we find the roots of human hypersocial behaviour, their pronounced empathy, their hospitality and their ability for sharing and donating. The aggressive martial behaviour appears much later in evolution with the “invention of patriarchy”. And this ability for social competence led us to higher development and the exceptional human brain.

Franz Renggli

### **Bruce Lipton und Steve Bhaerman (2009): Spontaneous Evolution: Our Positive Future and a Way to Get There from Here**

We've all heard stories of people who've experienced seemingly miraculous recoveries from illness, but can the same thing happen for our world? According to pioneering biologist Bruce H. Lipton, it's not only possible, it's already occurring.

In Spontaneous Evolution, this world-renowned expert in the emerging science of epigenetics reveals how our changing understanding of biology will help us navigate this turbulent period in our planet's history and how each of us can participate in this global shift.

By questioning the old beliefs that got us to where we are today and keep us stuck in the status quo, we can trigger the spontaneous evolution of our species that will usher in a brighter future.

[www.brucelipton.com/store/spontaneous-evolution](http://www.brucelipton.com/store/spontaneous-evolution)

**We wish you having a good springtime and a happy Easter with all the massive transformative processes in the world...**

**Yours the board team of the ISPPM e.V.**