

## From the Board

After the summer break now begins the final sprint before our International Congress in Maastricht, to which we look forward with anticipation. The organising team - Marleen Dols, Sylvie Geerdens, Annelies van Geest, Sylvia Verduin and Yvonne Welling – are doing a great job!

The Board of ISPPM would like to thank them all.

We look forward to seeing you! If you are not yet registered, do not hesitate, the Congress is almost fully booked.

## Dates isppm e.V.

### **Friday October 31, 19:30 – 21:00h: Annual general assembly 2014**

Amrâth Grand Hotel de l'Empereur, Stationsstraat 2, 6221 BP, Maastricht, Nederlande (near central railway station)

<http://www.amrathhotels.nl/empereur/welcome-en.html>

### **November 01 – 02, 2014, beginning 9:00h Annual ISPPM Conference**

Pregnancy and Birth shape life. Integration of pre- and perinatal psychology in (mental) health care

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Information, program, registration here: [isppm-conference.com/](http://isppm-conference.com/)

Tips for a cheap B&B instead of booking a room in the conference place:

sober appartements near the center:

<http://www.logiesaleid.nl/>

<https://www.piekel.nl>

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# Newsletter September 2014

**October 23 - 25, 2015**

**Annual conference 2015 in Berlin, Johannesstift,**

Working title: I feel so I am – Prenatal life and societal dimensions. A difficult way between ethics, politics, law, and economy

Organisational team: Irene Behrmann, Paula Diederichs, Gerlind Große, Marita Klippel-Heidekrüger, Charlotte und Alf Schönfeldt

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**June 10 - 12, 2016**

**Conference Bonding Analysis in Cologne**

Contact: Helga Blazy [nc-blazyhe@netcologne.de](mailto:nc-blazyhe@netcologne.de)

For the annual **conferences 2016 and 2017** we are looking for organisational teams. If you are interested please send us a note with your ideas and **a short concept**.

## Dates Conferences und Congresses

**2014:**

**September 13 - 14, 2014**

22. international conference of neuromotor delay in children with learning and behaviour problems

**“Child development and stress”**

at Hotel Savoyen, Rennweg 16 in A-1030 Vienna, Austria

<http://www.inpp.info/konferenz2014/>

**18 - 21, September 2014**

2013 International Stillbirth Alliance (ISA) and the International Society for the Study and Prevention of Perinatal and Infant Death (ISPID) joint Conference

**International Conference on Stillbirth, SIDS and baby survival**

Amsterdam

<http://stillbirthalliance>

**September 19 – 21, 2014**

CONGRESSO ATTACCAMENTO E TRAUMA

Roma

[Information \(in Italianian\) here](#)

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## October 10 - 12, 2014

### 2. International Conference

Healthy Relationships: what are they and how do we achieve them?

Munich: Kolpinghaus München-Zentral

<http://gesunde-autonomie.de/index.php/en/>

## November 16 – 19, 2014

15th Congress of the International Society for Twin Studies (ISTS)

**Twin Pregnancies, Budapest, Hungary**

<http://www.twin2014.eu>

## 2015:

### May 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015

2nd European Congress on Intrapartum Care

Porto, Portugal

<http://www.ecic2015.org>

### December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

APPPAH's 19th International Congress

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

[Registration here](#)

## Further Education

**Embodiment-Courses** in Germany

Nov. 25. - 30, 2014 Sperm Journey

March 25 -30, 2015 Egg Journey

Nov. 21 - 26, 2015 Conception

Guidance: Kathryn Terry, Peter Schindler

Seminarhaus/Gästevilla 'Camena', D-53797 Lohmar-Wahlscheid

Information and registration: Gisela Wallbruch, Tel: 0049(0)201/425106,

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## News

### **Althea Margaret Hayton**

We're deeply saddened to let you know that Althea has passed away.

She died peacefully with her family beside her on August 13th.

Next month's edition of Womb Twin News will feature a tribute to her.

<http://www.wombtwin.com/join-us/4578285374>



A documentary asking if interventions in childbirth could be damaging the long-term health of our children with consequences for all of humanity.

Film – Brighton, United Kingdom

“MICROBIRTH” World Premiere Launch Date:

Saturday 20th September 2014

<http://www.oneworldbirth.net/microbirth/>

Interesting article in nature magazine: „Don't blame the mothers“

<http://www.nature.com/news/society-don-t-blame-the-mothers-1.15693>

**More News** from our fields can be found as usual on our

[Facebook-page](#)

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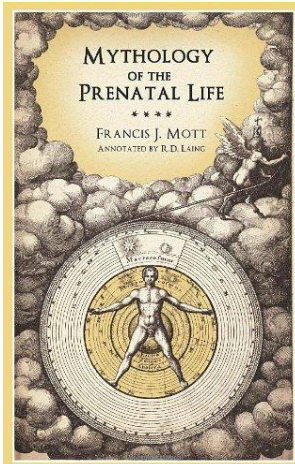
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## Reading Tipps



Francis J. Mott with annotations by R.D. Laing

Mythology of the Prenatal Life

2013, Starwalker Press, London

This book is a sequel and companion volume to "The Nature of the Self", which explores the intricacies of prenatal experience, demonstrating how these processes are a reflection of an essential life-pattern revealed in many other dimensions of life, macrocosmic and microscopic. In "Mythology of the Prenatal Life",

these insights are explored in further detail and with true genius, as Francis J. Mott shows how the prenatal realm is symbolized in mythology, Biblical stories, and folk tales from many cultures. Lovers of symbolism will relish this material, which offers a unique perspective on familiar themes. This book is an edited version of material previously available only as a privately published monograph. It includes the essay "Jacob's Ladder", a summary of the author's main ideas. The annotations made by R. D. Laing, with whom he corresponded, have been reproduced within the text, published here for the first time. Although Freud initially proposed that mental life began only after birth, he was later to revise this view. Since then, largely in counterpoint to 'mainstream psychology', many brilliant people have developed their own unique understanding of the pre- and perinatal realms: Otto Rank, Nandor Fodor, Stanislav Grof, Paul VERNY, Arthur Janov, William Emerson, Bill Swartley, Frank Lake, D.W. Winnicott, R.D. Laing and many others. "The work of Francis Mott stands out as one of the most distinctive contributions of the twentieth century to the study of the human mind". R.D. Laing

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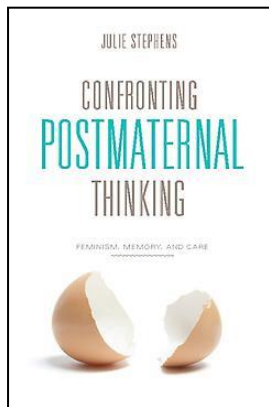
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Julie Stephens

Confronting Postmaternal Thinking: Feminism, Memory, and Care

2012, Columbia University Press

Public discourse maintains a deep cultural anxiety around expressions of maternalism and the application of maternal values to the society as a whole. In a policy context, postmaternalism is the priority given to women's claims as employees over their political claims as

mothers. Julie Stephens moves beyond these policy definitions and advances a notion of postmaternal thinking to signal this growing unease with maternal forms of subjectivity and maternalist perspectives. In defining the contours of postmaternal thought, she details the elaborate processes of cultural forgetting that go hand in hand with the ascendancy of postmaternalism.

Postmaternal thinking relies on a questionable memory—that feminism failed motherhood—and casts second-wave feminists as being hostile to maternal expressions and ideals. Reclaiming an alternative feminist position through oral history, life narratives, web-blogs, and other rich sources, Stephens repudiates the core claims of postmaternal thought and confronts the misrepresentation of feminism as having forgotten motherhood. Deploying the interpretive framework of memory studies, she examines the political structures of forgetting that surround the maternal and the weakening of nurture and care in the public domain. She views the promotion of an illusory, self-sufficient individualism as profoundly connected to the ethos, politics, and economic practices of neoliberalism and lays the foundations for a wider social critique of such corrosive developments. In rejecting both traditional maternalism and the new postmaternalism, Stephens challenges dominant paradigms through new views of attachment and care and appeals for an alternative feminist maternalism centering on a politics of care.

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