

Editorial

Dear members of ISPPM,

Today I may give you a report of two really enriching days in the beginning of March which meant much for ISPPM. In the town of Celle there was the traditional meeting of the Board, the Extended Board and the Scientific Advisory Board. Irene Behrmann had invited us to Celle – we thank her for her efficient preparations. We met in the rooms of a Christian center directly on the shore of the river Aller. In this place of good atmosphere we had a conference in good atmosphere, days full of visions, but as well with projects on hand, structural innovations and principal definitions of our situation. So we defined the work of the Scientific Advisory Board and discussed the actual situation of the International Educational Committee at length. Special moments in the very careful discussion were the topics of the attitude of ISPPM towards ultrasound in pregnancy and of the use of ultrasound pictures as didactic means in prenatal-psychological pedagogics. I like to thank Chris Maybach, the speaker of the Extended Board, for his valuable preparation and effective guidance of the conference which was a win for our society and brought our 21 participants of 4 countries much nearer together in our work and personally as well.

I wish you a Happy Easter!

Yours

Sven Hildebrandt

From the Extended Board

Board meeting Feb 28 – March 01 in Celle, Germany

In a very constructive atmosphere we worked on themes set over during our conference 28th of Feb. - 1st of March. Especially we could clear the mutual expectations between Board, Extended Board, and the newly founded Scientific Advisory Committee. The presence of the Advisory Board turned out very fruitfully. In the end we can say that ISPPM is on the best way to create a frame clarifying conditions for more meaningful work and better networking.

The decisions most important to the members are:

We decided to make a big poster on which all members (without names) can say in a sentence, a word, or a picture what ISPPM means to them personally. This poster should be shown in the Maastricht Conference and elsewhere as a basis for: a symbol of identification; an image of our work together; an image of our wishes; and, at the same time, an image for our manifold ideas in ISPPM. Concrete information will be in the following circular.

We'll send you the minutes of the Celle Conference with the results of the work in small groups when we have worked it out.

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We plan to look for cooperation with a university for further education. Further education under the label of ISPPM should become accredited by the Scientific Advisory Board to gain a place in that market. We think it necessary to adapt the courses to the specific needs of the countries in question.

We worked on a common idea about ultrasound which focusses on possibilities and borders as well as on wishes and dangers as well. A detailed information will be given at the Members' Assembly.

Further important news:

The Assembly of ISPPM Switzerland unanimously accepted the change of statute of associated members. So members of either ISPPM Society may visit the events of the other on members' conditions without being a member of it.

Chris Maibach

New Website

The new homepage should be more clear, more friendly for the surfer and for the working groups in parts more interactive (blog-function), so that we ourselves can bring in actual reports from conferences, papers, and articles of our members. So that we don't have the rather high costs of the website, the new arrangement will be done by Alexander Ritter (Design-AR: info@design-ar.de) and will cost € 2500.

We would like, too, to have **a list with the offers of our ISPPM members**. This should not be an exclusive list of psychotherapy but also of midwives, doulas, pedagogics and consultants so that people can find the specialist they need. These lists will be with a search function so that categorising professionals will be possible.

Please send your profile to ISPPM (Johanna Schacht) when you like to be on the list which is also to make ISPPM more concrete and clear for people outside and ISPPM members inside.

Your **profile** should show: professional training, offer, groups aimed at, contact address, e-mail, home-page (if available), photo, and address with post code. If you can work with insurance services you should mention it.

If you are interested please send your profile to **secretary@isppm.de by the end of April**.

At the link below you will find a first collection Marita Klippel-Heidekrüger has already compiled from the WG psychotherapy: [Profile](#)

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Dates isppm e.V.

May 2 – 4, 2014

Meeting Working Group psychotherapy in Berlin

May 23 – 25, 2014

Conference Bonding Analysis in Cologne

[Program/ Registration here](#)

June 3 – 5, 2014

German day for help for children and youth, in Berlin

Our stand is in Hall 4.b, Stand 4.60.

November 01 – 02, 2014

Annual ISPPM Conference in Maastricht, Hotel L'Empereur

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

The congress homepage is online. You can announce online, and you pay less if you announce early.

isppm-conference.com/

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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

Organizational team: Irene Behrmann, Paula Diederichs, Eva-Maria Müller-Markfort, Annette Schepper, Amara Eckert. Contact: Irene.Behrmann@t-online.de

For the annual **conferences 2016 and 2017** we are looking for an organisation team. If you are interested please send us a note with your ideas and **a short concept until end of April 2014**.

Dates Conferences und Congresses

May 13, 2014, 10:00am — 4:30pm

Women's Health and Well-being in Europe: Protecting Rights, Preventing Inequalities

[NH Hotel du Grand Sablon](#)

Information and registration under www.publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/

May 23 - 25 2014

Conference Bonding Analyses

„Und am Anfang riesige Räume ... und dort erschien das Baby“

Tagungshaus St. Georg, in Köln

[Program/ Registration here](#)

June 14 – 18, 2014

14th WAIHM World Congress

Babies: Their Contributions - Our Responsibilities

Hosted by AIMH UK, Edinburgh

<http://www.waimh.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>

September 8 - 21, 2014

Annual Conference and ISA-ISPID Conference, Amsterdam

A global team of people from ISA and the International Society for the Study and Prevention of Perinatal and Infant Death (ISPID) are busy developing the Program for the ISA-ISPID conference which will include activities for parents and caregivers. **Abstracts for the conference should be submitted by 14th April.**

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(Please visit <http://www.babysurvival2014.nl>).

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September 19 – 21, 2014

CONGRESSO ATTACCAMENTO E TRAUMA

Roma

[Information \(in Italian\) hier](#)

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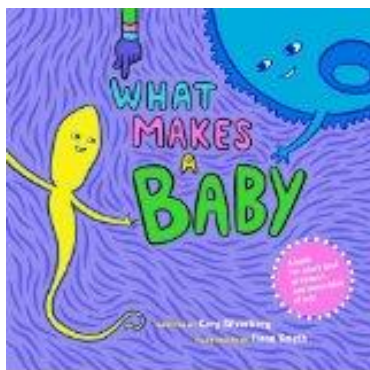


A feature-length documentary asking if interventions in childbirth could be damaging the long-term health of our children with consequences for all of humanity.
Film – Brighton, United Kingdom

The filmmakers Toni Harman and Alex Wakeford are asking for crowd funding to realize the important project:
[click here for the funding campaign](#)

More News from our fields can be found as always on our [Facebook-page](#).

Book Reviews



Cory Silverberg
Fiona Smyth

What makes a Baby?
a book for every kind of family and every kind of kid

This politically correct educational picture book of gender mainstreaming dispenses entirely with the terms "man" and "woman" and "mother" and "father". It is intended especially for children who were not sexually conceived and / or grow up in rainbow families. This is a legitimate concern and the implementation is quite successful. In bright colors the story of egg and sperm is told pictorially. The

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book contains no information about sexual intercourse, sperm donation, fertility treatment, surrogacy or adoption and leaves room for any possible history of the child.

My own children (10 and 12 years) liked this book well because it is not so "perverse". I have a slightly different opinion to this, because I find it somewhat askew when related to conception, pregnancy and birth: the pregnant woman, the mother is not mentioned once.

The text says : "If adults want to have a baby created, they need an egg by a human and a sperm cell from another human. In addition, they need a place where the baby can grow. This is a uterus. In this place the baby can grow. How the baby grows depends on the stories , the ovum and the sperm have hold each other, and of the uterus in which the baby grows."

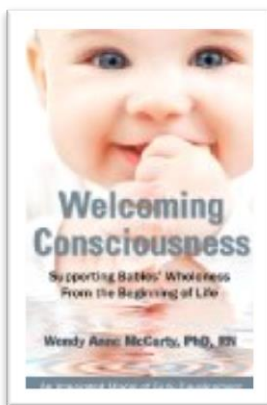
The children might get the idea that you can build wombs, it sounds dangerous mechanistic, reductionist and utilitarian for my taste. The patriarchal phantasm of the abolition and replacement of the mother could soon become a reality; I'm worried about the future generation that is indoctrinated in such a way, even if it is done with the best intentions. And what about children where no adult in advance wanted them to occur? Despite the announcement to leave room for every story, they won't find a space for their story here.

The child-friendly description of fertilization as a dance of egg and sperm sounds to me unfortunately euphemistic in the case of ICSI method of artificial insemination in which the sperm is injected into the egg. There is also a strange emphasis on the painful aspect of birth, illustrated by more negative images. Here is judged and left little room for own experiences: "Sometimes it hurts a bit, sometimes it does hurt VERY MUCH" (Italics in the Original book, quoted from the German edition, own translation).

This presentation is not likely to make little girls curious about the experience of motherhood and birth. This is more than a shame in my eyes.

Johanna Schacht

Reading Tipp



Wendy Anne McCarty PhD

Welcoming Consciousness: Supporting Babies' Wholeness from the Beginning of Life – An Integrated Model of Early Development

Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology has been studying our earliest development from the baby's point of view for over 30 years. Findings reveal we are conscious, aware beings who already have a sense of self as we begin human life. This book explores the mysteries of our multidimensional nature and the extraordinary stories babies, children, and adults tell us of their life in the womb and during birth.

Nearly all of today's early development models and understandings assume biology is our primary nature and that the capacity for sentience is dependent on brain development. Our current professional and parenting practices are built upon these fundamental assumptions.

The Integrated Model of early development developed in Welcoming Consciousness moves beyond current biology-first models to embrace both our

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transcendent and human perspectives and capacities and evolves how we can best support babies' multidimensional wholeness and human potential from the beginning of life.

The Integrated Model is built upon clinical findings and extensive review of research in infant development, prenatal and perinatal psychology, integral psychology, and consciousness studies. The touching clinical stories included bring these new concepts alive and the 30 page bibliography gives the reader avenues to explore this territory more fully.

“This unique work of Dr. McCarty is an intellectual milestone – the first attempt to integrate theory and practice of prenatal and perinatal psychology with other developmental theories.”

— David Chamberlain

The isppm board team wishes you a blessed Easter!



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