

Report

27th International Annual Conference of ISPPM e.V., October 23 – 25, 2015 "I feel - therefore I am"

By Johanna Schacht, translation Martina Hopfner

Prenatal needs of children and their parents in the field of tension between cultural developments of childbirth, health policy, fundamental rights, ethics and economics



Approximately 130 participants came to this conference in Berlin. The conference was focused on the current approach to pregnancy and childbirth, the needs of prenatal children and their parents, and the problem of deducible legal rights.

Specifically, three documents were discussed in detail:

- The [Charter on the Rights of the Child before, during and after the birth](#), which was formulated by the ISPPM 2005
- The opinion of the child law expert [Bruce Abramson for implementation of children's rights in the early development of 2004](#), and
- A documentation: "omissions in the mother-child protection" which is a statement of the opinion of four associations, including ISPPM, regarding prenatal routine medical acts which are considered to be bodily injury by their invasive nature.

The lawyer Dr. Reinald Eichholz, board member of the National Coalition (NC) Germany to implement the UN child rights convention (CRC), explained the legal requirements and the state of discussion in connection with the rights of the child before birth. Children before birth - until the onset of labor do not legally apply as individuals. However, the rights of the child before birth are described by the children's rights convention, held in trust by his parents and perceived before birth and for many years after, because the unborn itself can not defend its rights. This parental rights are fixed constitutionally. Parents have the interpretation primacy of the voice of the child.



In the discussion with the participants it became clear that it was on the one hand a major concern, that the voice of the unborn child needs to be heard and to be represented. On the other hand it needs to be reflected that a separate legal status of children before and during birth could give other third parties a right of access even against the will of the mother, including the

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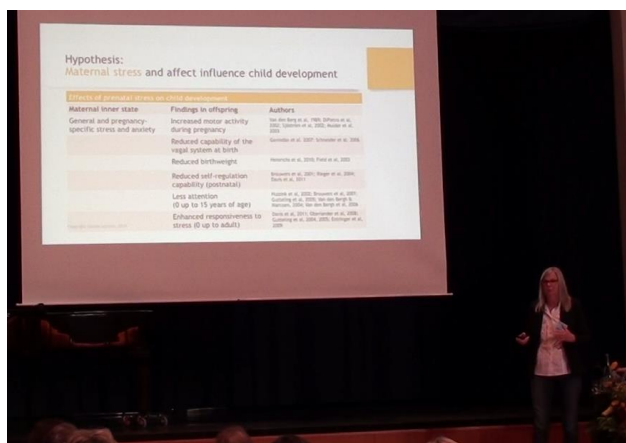
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temporary incapacitation of women during labor. The role of parents will, however be strengthened by the CRC.

Erika Feyerabend, social scientist, themed aberrations of a liberalized healthcare market. In consequence of these aberrations, pregnant women are increasingly exposed to the access of the healthcare market.

Simone Vogel, a representative of one of the emergent new parents initiatives, called Parents' Association "Happy Birthday - Working together for a self-determined birthing culture eV, described the consequences for parents.



In four lectures the present knowledge about the prenatal physiological basis of development of a human being and the psychological relationship development were reported. Research on the consequences of domestic violence during pregnancy and experience out of therapeutic treatment courses illustrated the wide

range of influences that affect the mother-child unit and the father during pregnancy.

The conference made it clear that the consideration of the rights of children requires a comprehensive social transformation process; an awareness process which must be supported and carried by the whole society.

It is desirable to provide human beings right from the start with secure binding capability and an authentic, strong personality along the way as the foundation for a happy, creative life. To be able to provide this to their children, parents need intensive support from their social environment. This means explicitly that also expectant fathers need to get more attention. It means also, that the professional world needs to adjust itself to the fact that expectant fathers have to care for the mother of the child before birth and to provide emotional security. After the baby is born, it should be self-evident that fathers release mothers explicitly of the care work for their child.

We need a new culture of welcome for babies! This includes a mindful, loving and relation oriented pregnancy and birth culture that respects and protects the physical and psychological bond between mother, child and father.

Guest of Honor Sandra Bardsley, President of APPPAH (American Association for Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health) pointed out that there is already a worldwide movement to establish new standards in childbirth existing: the International [Mother Baby Childbirth Initiative](#) (IMBCI).

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Briefly

News from the National Coalition

The members of the National Coalition will elect a new Speaker and the monitoring agency for the Convention on the Rights of the Child at the German Institute for Human Rights will be opened. Marita Klippel-Heidekrüger had participated at the extraordinary general meeting of the NC at November 17 as a representative of ISPPM e.V.

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Events Diary

Dates isppm e.V.

19/20 March 2016

Meeting of the extended board and the scientific advisory board of isppm e.V.

Beginning: Saturday 12.00 h, End: Sunday 14.00 h

Wilhelm-Kempff-Haus, Wiesbaden

10 – 12 June 2016

Bonding Analysis Conference in Cologne

Contact: Helga Blazy nc-blazyhe@netcologne.de

October 21 – 23, 2016

28th Annual Conference in Stolpen near Dresden

Integration and coherence

Prenatal Psychology in Science, Research, Education and Practice of Obstetrics, Pediatrics and Psychotherapy

Dates Conferences and Congresses

November 24 - December 11, 2015

**SECOND INTERNATIONAL ONLINE FESTIVAL on
NATURAL CHILDBIRTH & BLESSING CONCEPTION**

MIRACLE in the HEART:

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<http://proestro.com/english-schedule-2015/>

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Newsletter November 2015

December 3 – 6, 2015

APPPAH's 19th International Congress

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

Keynote Speakers: Thomas Verny, MD, DPsych., DHL, FRCPC, FAPA, Barbara Findeisen, Dr. Jaak Panksepp, Dr. Gerlinde A. S. Metz, Robbie E. Davis-Floyd, PhD, Michael Mendizza, Karen Strange, CPM, Jeanne Ohm, D.C., and Peter Prontzos, PhD

[Registration here](#)

January, 2016

Human Rights in Childbirth: India Conference

Bangalore, India

humanrightsinchildbirth.com/india-conference/

January 14 – 17, 2016

The World Congress on Recurrent Pregnancy Loss (WCRPL 2016)

Cannes, France

www.wcrpl.com

February 12/13, 2016

The 13th National Congress of the HSPPM

Life inside the womb - growth potentials in the pre- and perinatal period.

Perinatal programming, vegetative imprinting, primal health

Organizer: HSPPM, Hungarian Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine

Budapest, Hungary, Hotel Benczúr (Benczúr utca 35, Budapest 1068)

LANGUAGE: The conference is held in Hungarian, but on request we will organize English interpretation.

Accredited by OFTEX, code number: 60398, number of points: 12 points

Updates about the Congress at: <http://www.mpppot.hu>

<https://www.facebook.com/mpppot/>

Contact: mpppot@gmail.com

May 29 – June 2, 2016

15th WAIMH World Congress

Infant Mental Health in a rapidly changing world: Conflict, adversity, and resilience

Hosted by Israeli and Palestinian Infant Mental Health Associations, Prague

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Further Education/Workshops

In the Netherlands:

Integrative Baby Therapy Training

Trainings leader: Matthew Appleton, Assistant: Yvonne Welling

Pre- and perinatal birth psychology: Professional and practice oriented

one day intro: 23th January 2016

module 1: 11,12,13 march 2016

module 2: 10,11,12 June 2016

module 3: 7,8,9 October 2016

module 4: 27,28,29 January 2017

module 5: 19,20,21 Mai 2017

module 6: 6,7,8 October 2017

Location: Rotterdam / The Hague area

More information: <http://www.conscious-embodiment.co.uk/>

Registration: Yvonne Welling integrativebabytherapytraining@gmail.com

In Belgium:

"Healing from the very beginning"

Intro Course

Pre- and perinatal psychotherapy

With Max Peschek (IPPE), Assistants: Sylvie Geerdens and Marleen Dols

22 - 24 April 2016

The intro-course is suited for anyone who is interested in pre- and perinatal psychology and his personal process, especially pediatricians, gynecologists, body- and psychotherapists, craniosacral therapists, osteopaths, lactation consultants, nurses and midwives.

The course will be held in English. Translation in German and Dutch is possible.

Information: Marleen Dols, marleendols@online.nl

More Information: <http://www.therapie-bremen.eu/pages/kurse/einfuehrung.php>

In Switzerland:

Advanced Embodiment Course

With Karlton und Kathryn Terry and Peter Schindler

Lessons from the hourglass: 5 - 10 November 2015

The Art of the Tryptic: 12 - 17 November 2016

Seminarhotel Wasserfallen bei Basel (Schweiz)

http://www.ippe.info/courses/embodiment_hourglass_classes.html

Registration: Max Peschek, peschek.max@t-online.de,

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Karlton Terry will be in Basel twice for **Baby Clinic:**

23/24 April 2016

19/20 November 2016

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Birth journey – Self-awareness Workshop

with M. Appleton & Jenni Meyer

Fr Mai 6, 2016, 10:00h - So Mai 8, 2016, 17:00 h

Seminar-Hotel Rigi am See, Weggis in Weggis

The complete **seminar program of ISPPM Switzerland** here:

<http://www.isppm.ch/programm/>

In Austria:

Babytherapy Advanced Workshop with Karlton Terry:

Treatment of IVF-Babys

Teilnahmevoraussetzung: Abschluß der Babytherapie-Ausbildung

Location: Vienna

Date: October 30 - November 2, 2015

Information and registration: Claudia Versluis, claudia.versluis@aon.at

In Germany:

Foundation course

2017-2020, with Max Peschek und Team in Parin, Germany:

Information and registration: Max Peschek, peschek.max@t-online.de

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In England:

Gems of Ancient Wisdom

Workshop mit Antonella Sansone

Before Conception throughout Pregnancy, Birth and Parenting

A visit to the Himba, a tribe of Namibia, with images of their social life and allomothering

- Parenting and Infant Mental Health in the Context of our Lives and Society
- Indigenous Cultures as the Best Available Window into the Social Lives of our Ancestors Sustaining a Fulfilling Birth, Motherhood and Secure Attachment
- The Preconception and Prenatal Roots of Empathy, Compassion and Communal Care
- Practices to Develop Empathy and Compassion Fundamental for a Baby to Thrive
- How to Integrate Ancient Wisdom with Scientific Discoveries
- How to Prevent and Heal Birth and Developmental Trauma..... and Many More Fascinating Topics

For further details or to book a place contact:

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