

SPR European Chapter – Brief Report

As the new President of the European Chapter I will give a brief review of the main activities in the past year.

First of all, at the Jerusalem Conference, Henning Schauenburg's term as chapter president ended. However, following the decision at the business meeting of the Klagenfurt Conference to install an informal European executive committee, Henning continues in the position of past president. After the election of a new president in 2017, the executive committee will consist of a president serving in this position for three years, a president elect



who will serve as a member of the committee for two years and the past president who will serve for one year (until the election of the next president). We thank Henning warmly for his engaged leadership over the past three years and look forward to his future contributions to SPR.

The European Chapter is represented in several of the committees of SPR, with some changes in representatives during the past year. Thus, Henning Schauenburg is new member of the General Vice President Nominating Committee and Jana Volkert has succeeded Stephanie Bauer as member of the Communications Committee. We thank Stephanie for her dedicated work in the committee.

European Conference in Klagenfurt 2015

The 8th European Conference on Psychotherapy Research took place at the University of Klagenfurt in Austria, September 24-27, 2015. The conference was a great success with more than 250 participants and a substantial financial surplus as well, thanks to the local organizing team under the supervision of Svenja Taubner, Sylke Andreas, Sven Rabung and Michael Wieser and the program committee chaired by Henning Schauenburg.

Student travel awards

The European Chapter has issued 8 student travel awards for the Klagenfurt 2015 conference and 15 student travel awards for the Jerusalem 2016 conference. The recipients for Klagenfurt were: Bao-chau Thuy Du, Liat Leibovich, Denise Meuldijk, Anna-Rahel Minow, Karolina Rozworska, Anke Schat, Elvisa Sokoli and Nataliya Thell. Recipients for Jerusalem were: Alice Arndt, Anna Babl, Pelinsu Bulut, Laura Deußer, Jane Dittmann, Romina Gawlytta, Markus Hayden, Rebecca Hilzinger, Julia Huber, Laura Klewinghaus, Lena Krause, João Tiago Oliveira, Anna Sandmeir, Dominique Schwartze, Felix Wucherpfennig.

New student travel awards will be issued for the Toronto 2017 conference. More information will be given in the upcoming newsletter for the European Chapter.

Country coordinators

Following the Philadelphia meeting a board of national representatives / coordinators has been organized. At this moment, the board consists of 42 coordinators from 24 countries. The board has

an open structure, allowing several representatives from each country and with no formal inclusion procedure. Basically the purpose of the board is to enhance communication both among psychotherapy researchers within each country and to disseminate information about the activities in each country to researchers all over Europe. We hope that this will provide an inspiration for further national as well as transnational research collaborations. We have called for reports about psychotherapy research conducted in each country and have already published a couple of these in a previous European chapter newsletter. More will follow in the next chapter newsletter.

Method workshop in Krakow



The 5th Society for Psychotherapy Research European Chapter Methods Workshop for Early Career Researchers was held in Krakow, September 5-10, 2016. The meeting was an unqualified success with 35 young researchers from 12 countries attending workshops and lectures from senior members of the SPR. We thank Jerzy W. Aleksandrowicz, Czesław Czabała, Per Høglend, Sarah Knox, Michael Lambert, Wolfgang Lutz, Michal Mielimaka, John Ogrodniczuk, Krzysztof Rutkowski, Stig Poulsen, Henning Schauenburg, Bernhard Strauß, Alessandro Talia, and Svenja Taubner for contributing a variety of perspectives on psychotherapy research – and above all the organizing committee, Katarzyna Cyranka, Michal Mielimaka and Henning Schauenburg, for making the workshop such a wonderful experience.

Joint conference UK/ European Chapters September 2017

The European Chapter is working closely with the UK Chapter in planning a joint conference in Oxford, 2017. The conference will take place on Wednesday 20 September – Friday 22 September 2017 in the beautiful setting of the Examination Schools, in the historic centre of Oxford. The conference banquet will be hosted in the impressive Grand Hall at Balliol College. We are hoping to attract a wide international audience.

The Call for Submissions will go out in early January 2017. We look forward to welcoming you to Oxford!

With the best wishes for the next year in SPR,

Stig Poulsen
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