

# 2- Minutes of Board meeting May 13-15, 2008 Bertinoro, Italy

**Present:** Mike Blows, Pat Crittenden, Steve Farnfield (on May 15<sup>th</sup>), Airi Hautamäki, Andrea Landini, Irmie Nickel, and Bente Nilsen (minutes).

#### **Finance**

- · Founders' members will be replaced by 'sustaining' membership after the 2008 conference.
- People can register and pay for membership for 2009 at the Oct. 08 conference and have two months membership benefits and conference fee for members.
- · IASA basic membership fees are set up to be paid every January.

#### Newsletter

- The DMM News is will try to become more stimulating by giving brief articles, with broader contacts and information on the web (for members only, using a password).
- · We need a web editor to edit articles so they approach the level of published papers.
- · We need a temporally reliable newsletter.
- · Upcoming themes: sex and violence, out of home care, conference highlights, & research.
- There will be 4 issues for non-conference years and 5 for conference years (January 31, March 31, May 31, September 1/October 1 and October 31).

### Constitution

- The board will work on the constitution to aim for a conclusion by September 2008.
- Pat will ask Tom about the articles in the constitution regarding national organizations.

### Conference

- Franco Baldoni will open the conference together with a representative from the University of Bologna and a representative from the Department of psychology (University of Bologna).
- · The speakers will be asked to send abstracts for the conference packs.
- · Andrea Landini will make a list for the board members to who introduce speakers; they will contact the speakers to create a suitable introduction.
- The board will make a set of 6 slides to participants for the round table on Integrative Treatment Theories. Each participant should complete these to address what their theories have to offer to treatment.
- The Integrative Treatment Round-table will be in 3 successive conferences: 2008: theory, 2010: treatment techniques, 2012: organizing service systems.

### **Future conferences**

- · Venue criteria: Costs, continent, and availability of local members for planning.
- Patricia Crittenden (and Mike Blows and Paul Holmes) is meeting with Helen Barrett, president of The International Attachment Network, on June 18 in UK. IAN has announced their interest for IASA. The following issues are put forward:
  - o Is there an interest in an IAN member participating in our October conference?
  - The conference is being translated to Italian. Would there be Spanish-speaking people who would want translation?

- Shall we plan a future conference together, particularly one in Spain to directly address Spanish-speakers' interests?
- o How might IAN and IASA join forces, either around activities or membership?
- UK might be an alternative for 2010. We want a rough budget to look at by September '08, and as for the 2008 conference we will be looking for a place for 200 participants, 4 conference rooms for 3 days. Mike Blows and Steve Farnfield will check out for the UK.
- · NOTA (National Offenders Treatment Association, UK) may also be a possible source of a budget for an IASA conference.
- For the next conference we will attract quality speakers. This will be a topic for the board meeting at the Bertinoro Conference.

# The logo

· Mike Blows has discovered that our logo resembles that of a drug for children with behavioural problems. Tom Spencer, IASA lawyer, will be addressed on this issue.

# **Membership**

- · By now we have 49 registered members of IASA.
- · Our main challenges are our core population and how to organize the national organizers. We will have a meeting at the conference for the national organizers.
- We will need to create an e-mail database that will take care of the ethics tied to passing addresses along. This will be taken care of at a later board meeting.

#### The Board

- The Board meeting discussed positions needed, criteria for Board members and possible persons to have on election for the General assembly in October '08.
- · The Board needs a formal secretary, a web page editor and business adm.
- · Criteria for Board positions: skill, academic contact, publications, time and obligation for IASA, geographic distribution, array of disciplines, terminal degree, and DMM training.
- The board agreed that 1/3 of the Board members should wave their positions for the election. These are Kasia Kozlowska, Steve Farnfield and Emilia Sasson.
- We decided that voting for board members will be on web by members only. Notification of this will be sent out in advance. We will need a procedure for doing this.
- We will have a pre-conference board meeting (including ad hoc members) at 4pm (16:00) on Oct. 3 (including dinner), for corrections, adjustments, last minute conference activities.
- We will also have a full board meeting after the conference on Oct. 7 16:00-18:00.
- · A board meeting was set for February 12-14, 2009 in Miami.

# The website

- IASA will not advertize DMM courses, but have links to relevant sites. In February we will discuss what courses will come under IASA's support?
- Decision: Anyone wanting to advertize courses on the IASA web site can apply to the board, and the board will make the decision. This statement will be taken in the constitution.
- The board decided to pay the graphic designer to get access to the resource pages on the web.
- · We will determine what contact information is needed.
- · Irmie Nickel and Bente Nilsen will create receipts with the IASA logo and signatures.