

Minutes GA Meeting 15th April

1- Minutes of the last GA : ok.

2- Open Forum :

Each delegate says a few words about psychotherapy and PCA in his own country.

Czech Republic (Daniela):

A library has opened in the Czech organization. Every 2 years a new group of trainees start.

Germany (Sylvia):

The social activity has increased (Facebook and Twitter). They are working in collaboration with Gestalt, Psychodrama and Transactional Analysis to organize a conference in Berlin for humanistic psychotherapy.

Scotland (Claire):

The organization has been dissolved because nobody wanted to go in the board. PCA is not being supported a lot in the UK, and future is uncertain. By the summer they'll know if they exist anymore.

Netherlands:

An evidence database has been presented to medical insurances to prove PCA is working. Jean-Marc Randin asked this database to be shared with other countries.

Austria (Gerard Stumm) :

Gerard talked about a psychotherapy paradise to describe the situation in Austria. There are 4 organizations in the country and 200 members in the one represented by him. Next year there will be an amendment of the psychotherapy law introducing the requirement of a master level to start or finish a training.

Austria (Elisabeth):

600 members in her association. PCA psychotherapy is growing.

Germany (Peter):

Quality standards for trainings is in progress

Portugal:

20 members in the association; There is no special law about psychotherapy. They have difficulties to fulfil the board of the association.

Poland:

The organization is recent (2-3 years old). They created a training program (which starts after academic studies). There is a famous program against addiction that PCA tries to influence through workshops and education. There is no regulation law but insurances and the healthcare system need to be convinced.

They want theyre students to be recognized and to have more possibilities. The situation is not bad but uncertain.

Switzerland (Jean-Marc):

A law has been voted 3 years ago: master's degree is required in psychology to be a psychotherapist. There are financial and political issues.

550 members compose the national association, and there are 2 training programs (one in German, and one in French). They have the same difficulty to convince people to enter the board. Jean-Marc is annoyed by the German part of Switzerland not supporting the symposium... It seems hard to get German and French people together involved in PCA.

Russia (Venjamin):

20 active members. Important movements and some people are very active to promote PCA. A crucial step to certification has been reached in the organization. The 4 most experienced people are supervisors and trainers.

Romania (Goergeta):

50 members. 100 trainees in the training program. They invite colleagues from the other methods to workshops seminars and summer schools. There are 2 institutions. Thanks to a law in 2004, the health system pays for psychotherapy.

Greece (Elektra):

The main issue is that psychotherapy is not recognized by the government... but by the tax office !!! Not recognized by the public sector as well. There are training programs for counselling and psychotherapy.

Austria (Peter Schmidt):

32 years of European meetings ! Psychotherapy is prospering. The fact that private institutes and university have recognized by the government was fruitful.

Belgium (Jean-Marc Priels):

Pre-therapy international network has a website and links with google groups. There is a high level of activity. By the end of the year they'll produce a French translation of a book for pre-therapy.

3- Website:

Now there is only 1 webhosting, they were 4 in the past.

The website has been modernized but is not very active.

It has been simplified and clarified.

4-Certificate committee:

Its slightly going down to 30 certificates. Normal because organization have there certificates.

5-Finances:

Accounting is hard when we receive a payment from a bank transfer without information about member and reason (membership ? Certification ?)

Everybody is ok to validate accounts.

6-Questionnaire :

Daniela says that it's difficult to generalize situation in countries about PCA. She proposes to send one or two newsletters per year to inform members.

Jean-Marc Randin suggests to receive an email once minutes are published on the website.

7-Options about EAP/EAC membership representation:

+ EAP membership means CEP easier to get. But they are more bureaucratic than interested in the content of our profession. Currently nothing changed despite the announced intentions.

+ EAC : there is an internal problem. President & secretary have resigned and a new election is upcoming.

Sylvia thinks that EAP/EAC are more structured for national organizations, they don't advertise or promote our events. The project of EAP was to do some lobbying to get a European law... so that made sense to be part of it. Because European laws means national laws. But this never happened !

➔ task for the new board is to talk and decide about membership in these organizations.

Gerard Stumm adds : maybe PCE Europe could be more self confident and represent PCA psychotherapy by itself. Only weak organization need stronger ones to be represented !

An idea was put on the table to create the process for donation so that individuals can offer more, make a donation.

8-WAPCEPC:

It's important to have a European event but we need not to planify it the same year than the worldwide one. Decision : next GA will be organized in 2018 in Vienna and in 2019 probably in Poland.

9-www.pce-literature.org :

To be used and communicated !