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Dear members of the group section

The board of the EFPP has met in Berlin in the middle of January 2015 for one of its regular meetings. Since the next delegates meeting is only six months away and it will go hand in hand with the EFPP four section conference, a lot of attention to the detail is paid to organizing this important EFPP event.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Berlin!

The board and you as delegates of our European organizations have important discussions to have and important decisions to make. Our President, Anne-Marie Schloesser is soon going to address the central issues on the agenda for the delegates meeting 2015.

Anne Marie will also be up for election for a second term and the board and I personally, warmly endorse her in her role which she has fulfilled with vision and tenacity.

Our section will meet only once this time within the biannual Delegates Meeting in Berlin. This is because of the shorter delegates meeting. Our meeting will be on Wednesday the 24th of June. Please check the room at the delegates meeting. Let me remind you that on June meeting I will have to step down from my role as chair of the group section. I will go on being a conjoint member of the board in my new role as connection person to Eastern European countries. Uri Levin from Israel was proposed by Ulrich Schultz-Venrath as a delegate to replace me and he has agreed to stand in for the election as the second board member. Uri is a group analyst who won the first prize for the best paper of a candidate in Athens. He also wrote the last newsletter which you can read on our website. It goes without saying, that if you wish to endorse an alternative candidate, please say so ASAP and we will put him/her on the ballot paper.

Agenda:

0. Introduction, apologies, new delegates
1. The agenda: additions, changes?
2. Minutes of the meeting in Berlin (March 2012)
3. Exchange of general information not being items of the agenda
4. Chair of section's report
5. election of new group section member to the board
6. proposal for newsletter of diverse countries
7. Next conference group and adult sections: 2017

Please let me know if you have any additions to the agenda.

The delegates meeting is an important date in the calendar of The EFPP every two years, this time (June 24th/25th) it also coincides with the EFPP 4 section conference (Beyond Babel, 26th-28th June).

The delegates meeting addresses organizational matters and the future direction of the EFPP, whereas the conference gives us a chance to hear distinguished speakers, participate in workshops and hear a very broad spectrum of papers from all 4 sections anchored around the very contemporary theme of the conference: "Beyond Babel; on sameness and otherness"

We had a tremendous response from across Europe when we sent out an invitation for abstracts to the conference theme. The scientific committee has now chosen those that looked the most interesting contributions. However, I am quite sure that the other abstracts were also interesting. It is a pity that we cannot have all of them (almost 200 abstracts were sent). I think it is fair to say the program that has been forged after long and sometimes difficult deliberation is truly impressive and we are all really looking forward to it.

You can go on to the EFPP website and find a link to the conference website. Make use of the early bird registration which stands until the 26th of March 2015. The price for trainees is very low ^ 125euros. But there is also a lower price for trained group analysts and therapists.

For those of you who have been in Berlin before, you know what a fantastic city Berlin is. There are many European cities who could organize an EFPP conference but it seems to me, none is more fitting for this year four section conference: „Beyond Babel...."

I wish you and your organization a creative and constructive professional and organizational life in the year to come and really look forward to touch base with you in Berlin, June 2015.

With warm wishes
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