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PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Shaping the Future by Confronting the Past: Germans, Jews and Affected Others

A Working Conference

*To be Held in
Platres, Cyprus
September 6 -11, 2006*

Under the auspices of the
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This Working Conference provides a unique experience for anyone whose internal or external life is overcast by the shadow of the Holocaust and its multiple aftermath. It is the *fifth* group relations conference dedicated to the exploration of the feelings, fantasies and relatedness of Germaneness, Jewishness and Otherness and how they are played out in the interrelations between groups within the conference. Previous conferences took place in Nazareth, Israel and Bad Segeberg, Germany and Cyprus. It is a specially designed adaptation of the group relations model developed by the Tavistock Institute, which represents a unique integration of psychoanalytic understanding and open systems theory. It is eminently suited to the difficult task of exploring the painful residues of enmity, animosity and persecutory fantasies and relatedness of one group with another. The aftermath of the Holocaust, the burdens of anti-Semitism and other persecutions and extreme forms of violence, are all related to the ways in which groups perceive each other. The exploration of such cruelties and their long lasting effects is immeasurably helped and enabled by the presence of the Other, the object and perpetrator of cruelty and suffering.

The Venue: The conference will take place in Platres, a beautiful village in the Trodoos Mountains on the island of Cyprus, which till recently has known ethnic persecution and extreme forms of hostility. The Forest Park Hotel, a four star hotel, provides the setting with full board accommodations.

The Staff: The conference will be directed by Dr. Anton Obholzer together with an international staff, highly qualified in group relations work.

The Membership: The conference is designed to accommodate up to 60 members. As in the past, it aims at psychoanalysts, psychotherapists and allied professionals, but interested others are equally invited to participate.

Further information will soon be available in the web page of OFEK – Organisation, Person, Group – The Israel Association for the Study of Group and Organisational Processes.

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