

Dear Colleagues!

As you know in 2017 in Vilnius we came together as a new Board for the “Psychodrama Institute for Europe”, which soon formally transformed into “Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V.”

A lot has happened since our election! Upon this fresh start we had a new official logo created.



And we didn't stop there: we also landed a new homepage, please see: [www.psychodrama-for-europe.eu](http://www.psychodrama-for-europe.eu)

So, we've been busy and as a team, enjoy working for the Association. End of 2017 we had our first Board Meeting in Berlin and in June of this year we met in Cracow.

Due to personal circumstances within the former organizing committee, we had to change the location of our conference. The conference has been titled “Wings of Change”, as we feel Europe is in transit.

**The conference will now be in Cracow from September 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.**

Prior to the conference, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, we are organizing an Open Space session in which we will work together on our future Association, as this is a joint effort! We will also meet with the training and supervision committee as well as form the new international committee, which will be established. We do need your input, so we hope to welcome you those days as well!

Please remember that we all are the Association, not just the Board. Please mark your calendars and come.

We are very pleased to welcome Clark Baim from the UK to our conference, who will speak about “Integrating Psychodrama with Attachment Theory”. You can access our conference page on our above-mentioned website or go directly to it [www.psychodrama-europe.eu](http://www.psychodrama-europe.eu). Please spread the news! There also will be an opportunity to offer a workshop there and receive a 50% discount of the summer (late) bird fee that applies to your country.

We spoke about our mission statement, which you can find [here](#). Its wording is a work in progress, so we would welcome your input.

We will be issuing certificates for our trainers, as the list of our trainers has gotten too extensive and, in some countries, an official certificate was called for. At our conference, we will celebrate this milestone with a ceremony in which we'll be handing over the certificates. Furthermore, we will shortly introduce a “Trainers Platform” on which you can introduce yourselves to the public. It's a way to advertise yourself as well as an incentive to generate more visitors to our site. If you want to utilize this, this is up to you and requires action from your part. There will be a form that you can download for filling out your details.

Furthermore, we invite you to send us information about your psychodramatic activities or projects that are run by the institutes and associations or working groups in your country, so that these can be presented to our community at our homepage.

## Some results of our activities during the last year

On November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> the second Minsk Group on second level successfully finished their education. On behalf of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V. students were trained by Eduardo Verdu (Norway) and Evaldas Karmaza (Lithuania), under the supervision of Anna Bielańska (Poland) and Jolanta Baltina (Latvia).

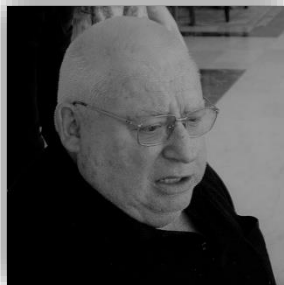
The group, consisting of ten candidates – nine female and one male -, out of whom two originating from Russia, demonstrated their excellent skills in psychodrama. The theoretical part was presented in their theses as well as psychodramatically demonstrated on stage – a result of almost four years of hard work, organized and financed by the members of the group themselves.

The examination board, consisting of three Council members and the two trainers were highly impressed by the standard of professionalism the candidates showed.

The Board congratulates the candidates and their trainers and assures that we want to support our new psychodrama-colleagues in their further development as psychodramatists in their own countries, as well as on the European stage, to our best possibility.

We also have been involved in two other exams in the springtime. Two Polish groups successfully completed their second level education, one led by Agnieszka Bartkowska - Kurek & Wiesława Piątek-Janicka and the other by Jarosław Gliszczyński. Congratulations to them: we are impressed by the high standard of work that is offered in Poland!

## Sad news



At the tail end of this year we also did receive sad news that we want to pay tribute to. With deep sorrow and grief, we must accept the news that Yaacov Naor has passed away. We must live with the loss of a wonderful man and psychodramatist and will continue to remember his powerful authentic presence. We will never forget what he taught us: his legacy will remain alive by his many contributions to psychodrama in general, as well to our association, the former Psychodrama Institute for Europe.

Bearing in mind how precious and fragile we all are, we want to wish you a wonderful Christmas time and a good start of the new year. We look forward to meeting you in Cracow!

Warmly,

On behalf of the Board of the  
Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V.



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