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The colloquium

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Introduction

The colloquium is the competition of the training – it is no exam in the proper sense, but a presentation with a professional discussion and feedback in addition to the final paper. It is possible to fail the colloquium, but the priority is the completion of the training and the appreciation of the candidates.

Requirement for participation is to create the final paper being assessed by the colloquium committee.

The colloquium committee usually consists of:

- The upper-level leadership
- A member of the executive board of PAfE e.V.
- A member of the national Executive Board or the leadership of the National Institute

Sometimes one person holds several of these functions. In this case a supervisor will be appointed as assessor of the colloquium committee (as the 3rd person). It must be ensured, that at least one person (preferably two), will be able to read the final paper in the local language and to evaluate it.

Before the colloquium

The candidates

Who wish to participate in the colloquium, register at the National Institute. There those in charge will check whether the formal requirements are met.

Send one bound copy of the final paper or its summary to each member of the colloquium committee.

The members of the colloquium committee

Set the date for the colloquium as well as the deadline for the final paper, which should be two or three months before the colloquium date.

Clarify who will inform the participants about all dates and other issues and ensure that it will be done.

Determine their procedure as to when they have read and evaluated the final paper and how they will share their thoughts about it with each other.

Please find also the document “Assessment questionnaire” at the end of this document. Each member of the commission should fill it out and send it via mail to the other members of the commission.

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Possibilities of assessing and impact on the colloquium

The final paper	Presentation in the colloquium
Is accepted without restriction of any kind	The candidate is free to choose which part will be presented.
Is accepted, but there are “small” uncertainties of the meaning of a detail or whether it has been understood by the candidate.	The candidate receives a recommendation or an obligation what should be provided (e.g. a special theoretical aspect or presentation and evaluation of a practical example)
Is not accepted because a chapter must be revised / rewritten, or formalities were not observed. The Commission sets a date by when it should be done.	Both are possible, obligation or free choice.
Is not accepted because the entire final paper would have to be rewritten.	Participation in the colloquium is not possible.

The candidates will as soon as possible receive short feedback on their final paper, if it has been accepted or needs to be revised, and whether recommendations or requirements for the presentation are necessary or not. The reasons for the complaints should be presented in detail so that the candidate understands them and knows what to do. When in doubt, a personal conversation should be conducted.

This shows that the deadline of the final paper needs to be set two or three months before the colloquium to ensure that candidates have sufficient opportunities to fulfil all requirements to participate in the colloquium. Furthermore, early feedback means appreciation of their work.

In case members of the commission cannot agree on the refectation of a final paper, an expert PAF e.V. Member / Supervisor might review the final paper in addition.

Agenda of the colloquium

- After a little warming up, the candidates decide on the order, e.g. by sociometric means.
- Approx. 90 minutes are provided for each candidate which are divided up as follows:
- 30-35 minutes presentation
- Approx. 30 minutes expert discussion
- Approx. 20 minutes feedback of the commission on the final paper
- Communication the results respectively discussion of the commission
- A short break until the next presentation starts

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The Presentation

In the presentation the candidates are supposed to demonstrate a topic or an aspect of the final paper, either freely chosen or determined by the commission. It can be chosen from the theoretical part as well as from the practical part. The presentation should be psychodramatic, no "pure" lecture. For display, the other candidates can be included respectively something may be prepared in advance, i.e. people have clear guidelines. Candidates may also prepare a summary paper, which is the basis of the presentation. Basically, the presenter must be apparent as psychodramatist in theory and / or in practical experiences.

The expert discussion

The commissioner takes over the moderation. This addresses requests for presentation, feedback to the lecturer as well as a free discussion on a topic / question regarding the presentation. This expert discussion involves all, the commissioners as well as the other candidates.

Feedback from the commission for final paper

One or more members of the commission give the candidate appreciative feedback to the final paper, which goes beyond the brief written feedback.

Communication the results and advice the Commission

Usually, the colloquium committee communicates with eye contact and one member congratulates the candidate on passing the colloquium. If the commission disagrees, it should pull back to consult. The result should be communicated directly afterwards and be well-founded. The Commission shall decide by simple majority.

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Assessment questionnaire

for the psychodrama upper-level final paper of the Psychodrama Association for Europe e.V.

Name of author:

Title of the paper:

Opinion:

1. General comments

2. Theoretical content

3. Practical relevance

4. Form, style etc.

5. Full review

6. Requirements for the final paper

7. Recommendations / requirements for the colloquium

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