

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2006

Dear World Association Member

2006 will be a significant year for the World Association. We will have our PCE conference in Potsdam with as part of it our General Assembly; it is also the year in which a new Board has to be elected. In this e-mail Newsletter (and in the appendices) you will find details about these activities and receive some other news...

In case you want to put yourself forward as a candidate for the Board, please send your nomination form (see appendices) to secretariat@pce-world.org before April 10. You have already received the invitation to the GA in Potsdam. We will publish the provisional agenda by the middle of April, and if you want to submit a proposal for the agenda, please send it to us as soon as possible on the attached proposal form.

On behalf of the board,
Elke Lambers and Germain Lietaer

1. GENERAL ASSEMBLY: CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

We invite you to the General Assembly of the WAPCEPC which will be held on the 13th July 2006 during the 7th PCE Conference in Potsdam, Germany.

The Statutes and Bylaws clarify the purpose and procedures of the general Assembly; they can be found on the website: www.pce-world.org Please note that only members who have paid their membership for 2006 can vote. If you have not yet paid, please see the website for details on how to pay. As 'collaborating organizational members'. BAPCA, IPS and VCgP are no longer required to pay organizational dues, but they retain the full rights of organizational members.

As an individual member or as a representative of an organization you are entitled to vote in the Board election and at the General Assembly; you are also entitled to put forward proposals for the agenda. Organizational members are invited to let us know who they have nominated as their representative.

For individual members: if you are unable to attend the GA personally, you may nominate another WAPCEPC member to vote for you; in that case, you will need to let us know who you have nominated. Please send the name of your representative to the address below. Proposals for the Agenda have to be sent in before April 10, so that the first provisional agenda can be put on our website by the 13th April. Send your proposal to secretariat@pce-world.org A form for submission of proposals to the GA is attached

2. ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD

Your vote is important!.

Elections for the Board of the World Association will be held in April-May of 2006 and results announced at the General Meeting and in the Newsletter following the PCE2006 conference. The election of new board members will be by email. The list of candidates and the voting papers will be sent to you by e-mail.

Nominations must be received by the 10th April. Candidates and their proposers, must

be fully paid-up members of the Association.

Detailed information about the nomination and voting procedure is available on www.pce-world.org/idxelection.htm.

As one of the first steps in the Board election procedure, we want to inform you a bit more specifically about the activities and tasks of the Board members. Our hope is to "motivate you in a realistic way". We think it is important to know beforehand what you eventually take on your shoulders, such that your choice is an 'informed choice' which survives the tooth of time.

Looking back at our six years of 'Board life' we can tell you that on the average you need two hours a week (sometimes less, sometimes more) to do the work that has to be done: reading all e-mails of board members, and reacting to them; taking up the specific tasks which you agreed to undertake.

Overview of tasks:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary to the Board
- Secretary to the office and to individual members
- Newsletter editor
- Webmaster, webmaster assistant and information coordinator.
- Contact person for organizations
- Contact person for the Journal
- Contact person for the PCE conference
- .Other tasks may be identified, and are shared between the board members.....

As to competencies needed we want to mention that at least three members should be native English speaking (especially for Newsletter and secretarial tasks) and that all members should have a good passive understanding of English. Two or three persons with good skills in website and new communication media issues are also most welcome, especially now that Peter Schmid will leave the board!. Furthermore we would like to have two or three colleagues from Latin America, Eastern Europe, Africa and/or Australasia.

I hope that this information does not put you off. In fact the work is exciting and worthwhile. If all board members do their part, the whole enterprise can be successfully managed without too much work.

Thus if you feel interested and committed, don't hesitate to become a candidate! You do not need to wait for someone to propose you; you can approach colleagues yourself to propose and second you. [For the nomination form, see appendix of this Newsletter].

The thanks of the Board go to Allan Turner, Jim Iberg and Jutta Schnellbacher who have agreed to serve as our Election Committee and who will be managing the election process.

To contact them: elections@pce-world.org

3. THE WA JOURNAL: PCEP

This year has seen a very exciting development for the journal. The Institute for Person-Centered Studies (IPS, Austria) was the first non-English speaking organizational member

to take a subscription to PCEP for its members. Shortly after that, the Dutch Association for Client-Centered Psychotherapy (VCgP) also took out a subscription for all its members. Due to the increased number of subscriptions we will be able to keep the journal costs at a minimum, and members of these organizations, as well as the members of the British Association for the Person-Centred Approach (BAPCA), benefit from a reduced individual membership rate.

We appreciate the support of these organizational members, and we hope more will follow. If you want to discuss a similar arrangement for your organization, please contact Elke Lambers : chair@pce-world.org

The team of editors is currently preparing issue 5:2. Remember: submit your writing to PCEP. It is a unique opportunity to share your work with a world-wide readership. We also look forward to receive many of the PCE2006 conference papers for publication in future issues of PCEP.

4. POTSDAM CONFERENCE

Gert Speierer writes:

Already 280 persons registered! Don't wait any longer to do the same!

The opening address will be given by R. Tausch (Germany). Three keynote speakers will deliver a keynote address on the conference theme:

Art Bohart: Steps Along A Path - Full Functioning and Self-Righting

Jürgen Kriz: Actualizing Tendency - the link between PCE and interdisciplinary systems theory

Maureen O'Hara: Psychological literacy for an uncertain world - Another look at Rogers; Persons of Tomorrow

We also arranged an attractive social program which includes a river cruise with dinner & dance party, a guided tour of Potsdam City etc.. The beauty of Lake Templin and of the hotel architecture contribute as well to a very pleasant conference setting.

So there is plenty of opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the world, to exchange ideas and to get part of the PCA-network.

Detailed information about the scientific program is available on our conference-website <http://www.gwg-ev.org/pce2006>. This site also provides information about the social program and the Pre-Conference-Encounter Group. You can register online or download a pdf-form. Members of the WAPCEPC have a discount of EUR 50.- On demand we will send you paper copies of all important documents.

We hope to see you in Potsdam!

5. PCE 2010: INVITATION FOR CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

We would like to invite you or your organization to make a bid to host PCE 2010. For conference guidelines, see our website <http://www.pce-world.org/configuidelines.htm> for further details. Please submit your proposal to the secretary of the board by June 1, 2006 so that it can be presented to the GA in Potsdam for a vote.

Hosting PCE is an exciting opportunity for your organization to be an integral part of bringing together the PCE community.

We look forward to your bid!

6. THE PERSON-CENTERED IBERO-AMERICAN NET: RIPC

Claudio Rud (Argentina) writes:

The Person-Centered Ibero-American net (Red Iberoamericana Centrada en la Persona, RICP) began about ten years ago as a net of communication among Spanish and Portuguese speakers interested in the Person Centered Approach, as an instrument of understanding and promotion of the development of people and groups. For various reasons, more than three years ago, this net started a long period of hibernation.

During the 12th Person-Centered Latin-American Encounter, held in Solís, Uruguay, in April, 2005, a group of colleagues decided to re-float this net, which I have personally begun to re-start a few months before.

From then on, Alberto Segrera from Mexico, took the lead with the help of Jorge Pack, from Argentina. The RICP began to function again on October 14th, and we are already 595 participants from 19 countries. It is having a very lively functioning, indeed.

The objective of the RICP is to provide PCA interested professionals and students the opportunity to share in a collective, quick, and direct way:

- * Interests, findings, doubts and questionings about PCA issues.
- * Experiences, achievements and projects.
- * News about different activities and training meetings and personal enrichment.
- * Information about edited or unpublished material.
- * Joys and sorrows of our personal and professional lives which we would like to share with the virtual group.

The RICP membership is open to all the professionals and students who consider as their life and work base the Person-Centered Approach. Our e-mail is ricp@ricp.org

7. Xth INTERNATIONAL FORUM of THE PERSON-CENTERED APPROACH

From Tomeu Barceló, Spain:

The Xth International Forum of the Person-Centered Approach will be held in Majorca (Spain) from the 7th to the 12th of May of 2007. You can obtain all the information available in the webpage www.pcaforum2007.org

8. OFFICE MOVE

As from the 1st January 2006 the WAPCEPC office has moved. It is now based in the UK .

The new address is

WAPCEPC, PO BOX 142, ROSS-ON-WYE HR9 9AG UK (fax +44 1989 763 901)

The email address remains office@pce-world.org

9. Finally..

- * Remember to pay your membership dues for 2006
- * Send us information about events, developments and publications
- * Keep us up-to-date with address changes, so that you do not miss your copy of PCEP
- * Keep us up-to-date with your e-mail address
- * Encourage your colleagues, professional organizations and institutions to become a member or take a subscription to PCEP
- * Send your writing for publication in PCEP