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## Thank You for the Conference

Thank you to all who participated in the conference, both with sharing ideas and with your presence! The conference was a success with some great ideas being promoted as well as some interesting thoughts provoked. It was wonderfully challenging to think about person-centered in its original conception as well as the potential growth and development that Rogers' original ideas have and will undertake. This years theme of "Is process-centered and person-centered the same at their core or radically different" seems to be one that has allowed us all to think a little

deeper about this work. We also wanted to thank the conference organizers, Vereniging voor Cliëntgerichte Psychotherapie (VCgP) and Roelf Takens, for all their time and work in creating this important event. Further thanks to the excellent organization by the conference bureau, taking care of the smooth running of the conference. A final thank you to all the organizations and individuals who have invested their time, money and energy to the growth of the person-centered and experiential community.

## Letter From the Editor

Hi. I just wanted to introduce myself as I have taken over editing the newsletter from the wonderful hands of Janet Tolan. A big thanks to Janet for beginning this project and making it easy for me to step into. I hope that the newsletter becomes a forum to stay connected to each other, share our personal reflections, and update you on information.

In the spirit of contact and growth,

we are discussing how to reform the newsletter to include multiple levels of expression.

I again want to thank everyone for including me in your community in this way and I hope that we continue to grow, challenge, and connect with each other in the upcoming years. Best wishes for the remaining summer....

**Shari Geller**  
Editor

## New Board Members 2003-2006

We would like to introduce once again the new board for the WAPCEPC. The variety of cultures in the members is representative of the international community that is developing in the person-centered and experiential movement. We also proudly announce our new chair, Elke Lambers. We are happy that Elke accepted the board's proposal for her to take over from Germain his important contribution as chair. Here is a list of the new board and their responsibilities:

**Rainer Burki** (*Switzerland*): treasurer, connection to office

**Magda Draskoczy** (*Hungary*): contact and communication with members, contact person for Eastern and Central Europe

**Shari Geller** (*Canada*): Newsletter, contact person for North America

**Naoko Hatase** (*Japan*): contact person for Asia, Australia and Africa

**Elke Lambers** (*Scotland*): chair and coordinator of the Board, flyer

**Germain Lietaer** (*Belgium*): secretary to the Board, connection with next PCE Conference, connection to Journal, bibliographies

**Claudio Rud** (*Argentina*) contact person for Latin America

**Peter Schmid** (*Austria*) webmaster, information coordinator, connection with Journal, bibliographies

**Alberto Zucconi** (*Italy*) promotion of membership, external relations, contact person for Western Europe and North America

## Hello from the Chair of the Board

PCE 2003 offered a fantastic opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the world (29 countries were represented), to hear about their work with clients, in research and teaching, in the development of theory, to hear how person centered and experiential psychotherapies and counseling is developing worldwide. For me, the conference illustrated vividly some of the challenges PCE is currently facing. Not only are we asked to articulate and clarify to colleagues, employers and clients the essence and efficacy of PCE therapy and counseling, we also have to face that within the 'PCE family' there are extremely differing views on the importance of the core principles of the approach.

The aims of the WAPCEPC are to support the development and evolution of PCE therapy and counseling through dialogue and challenge, both within the Association and in the engagement with representatives of other approaches and with the Institutions of society.

The new Board of WAPCEPC is committed to continue to work towards the development of the Association as a real forum for communication and connection, and we look forward to working with you, the members of the Association.

On behalf of the Board

*Elke Lambers*

## General Assembly in a Nutshell

Here is a brief summary of the decisions made at the 3rd General Assembly, held on 8th July 2003, in Egmond aan Zee, Holland.

**1. Election results:** see separate section in this newsletter.

**2. Election of Auditors/ Financial statement**  
G. Wyatt and L. Timulak were elected to audit the accounts which are currently in the process of completion. The accounts of 2002 were closed with a slight profit.

**3. Membership categories and membership dues**  
From 2004 there will be reduced membership dues for members from countries in World Bank Categories B,C,D and for students. The Board will be allowed to increase or lower membership dues by up to 20% per annum during the next period (2004-2006), according to the financial situation of the WAPCEPC.

**4. Triennial or biannual Conference**  
The next conference will be held in 2006; after that

the conferences will be held every two years, so that the conference after the next one will be in 2008.

**5. Next PCE Conference.**

The Board will proceed to negotiate with the GwG, the German Association for PCE, to host and organize PCE 2006 in Germany.

**6. E-mail votes.**

If an important matter arises in the period between General Assembly meetings, an email ballot may be held.

a) 10% of individual or organizational members may instigate such a vote;

b) the Board may instigate such a vote.

The complete minutes of the General Assembly are available on the website.

[www.pce-world.org](http://www.pce-world.org)

## A note from Latin America

I think that mankind has discovered innumerable ways to be in contact.

I have two ways to contact you today: one is the virtual, the cybernetic, the written way; and the other is that of the soul. I am very glad to be part of the new board, since I hope I will be able to offer with my contribution, to the link between our Latin America and the rest of the world, with the certainty that we both need to nourish from each other.

Since the tower of Babel onwards, human beings have had to deal with differences: different languages, different cultures, different economies.

But I am sure that in some deep place, all humans communicate in a common language. It is my wish that beyond our linguistic differences, which sometimes make this interchange difficult, we can build the bridge that will let us be in a contact that becomes deeper each time.

*Claudio Rud  
New Board Member - Argentina*

**PCA Forum 2004- Argentina: 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March**

Please note the following website of the next PCA Forum to be held in Argentina next year:

[www.forumecppca2004.com.ar](http://www.forumecppca2004.com.ar)

## Journal News:

**Upcoming Issues.** The next issue of Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies (Issue 2:2) will be published this Fall. After that, issues will come fast and furious:

**Issue 2:3** is already planned with material in the pipeline, and will be published in December of this year.

**Issue 2:4** will be a special issue, featuring the Egmond conference's controversial and wide-ranging series of keynote speeches on the conference theme, Process Differentiation and Person-Centeredness. This issue will be published in early 2004.

### **Call for Papers for Conference Issues of PCEP.**

The first two issues of the 2003 volume will be devoted to papers from the Egmond aan Zee conference. The deadline for inclusion in these special issues is September 1, 2003, so do not delay! Take advantage of the waning weeks of summer to finish writing up your paper so that you can get it in on time. You can submit papers for these two issues to any of the three journal co-editors. (See inside cover of journal for submission instructions or visit the website)

### **Internationalizing PCEP.**

At our meeting in July, we decided to take further assertive steps to enhance the international nature of the World Association journal. As we see it, the journal can do much more to increase communication among different national and language groups within our community, including international versions of key non-English papers, reviews and review essays of key non-English books, special series on important developments in different countries, international author teams, international commentaries, and additional journal mentoring for non-English speakers.

For more details, see the PCEP website:

[www.pce-world.org/worldjournal.htm](http://www.pce-world.org/worldjournal.htm)

**Note: If you have paid your dues for 2003 and did not receive the latest issue (2:1, Spring 2003) of PCEP, please contact us at:**

[office@pce-world.org](mailto:office@pce-world.org)

**Robert Elliott (Managing Editor),  
Dave Mearns,  
Peter F. Schmid**

## Thank You to the Board 2000-2003

Over the past three years, the Board which was elected in Chicago has worked hard to promote and develop the World Association. Contact between the Board members has been mainly through e-mail (many thousands of messages have been exchanged). Activities of the Board have been among others: production and distribution of a flyer; creation and maintenance of the website; establishing on-line registration and payment of dues; developing and launching the journal PCEP; promoting the

Association and developing the membership base; managing finances, accounts and the membership office; linking with the PCE conference; producing a regular Newsletter; developing an election procedure and organizing the election of a new Board.

Thank you to the members of the Board for all the hard work you have done to get the WAPCEPC started.

***Elke Lambers***  
**Chair Board 2003-2006**

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## **DONOR FUND**

The association already offers membership at a reduced rate but we are unable to do more than that since we are working with a very small annual budget. We know of many colleagues from Africa, Asia, Central and South America and from Eastern Europe who would like to become members and who want to contribute to enrich our world community but who lack the economic resources to join.

The **DONOR FUND** offers those colleagues an opportunity to join the association. So far very few have made use of the fund. We would welcome your application.

### **Applications for assistance.**

Members who want to apply for assistance from the donor fund should complete the Donor Fund Application Form which can be found on the website. If you know colleagues who may be interested, please let them know about it.

If you want to create a donor fund or make a donation, please visit the **DONOR FUND** section on the website for information.

### **Finally..**

- **Remember to pay your membership dues for 2003-if you have not yet done so**
- **Introduce a new member to the WAPCEPC**
- **Send us information about events, developments and publications**
- **Keep us up-to-date with address changes (including email)**
- **If possible, let us have an e-mail address where we can send you information. We hope to use e-mail as much as possible-it is quicker and cheaper than the post.**

**Next newsletter: Send us news you want to have included, or responses to this newsletter:**

**[newsletter@pce-world.org](mailto:newsletter@pce-world.org)**