



**WORLD ASSOCIATION for PERSON-CENTERED and EXPERIENTIAL
PSYCHOTHERAPY and COUNSELING**

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Dear World Association Member

Subscription Renewal

Please note that the membership fee for 2003 will be EUR50. Members who renew in January, and new members who join in January, will receive all copies of the Journal for 2003. People who pay after January will receive only those Journals issued after the date of payment. Members who have paid their dues for 2003 will receive a reduction of EUR50 from the PCE Conference fee (see conference information below). You can renew your membership now by going to the website: www.pce-world.org

New members for 2003 can in addition buy the first double issue of the Journal, to be published in November, for EUR25.

Discounted Membership: Member Training Organisations

The World Association Board is aware that many students of the PCE approach might find it difficult to afford the full membership fee. However, it is important that the leading-edge issues and research covered in the Journal be disseminated to these newest members of our community. The Board has decided to offer students of Training Organisations who are organisational members of the World Association the opportunity of membership at a cost of only E35. (For this purpose, a training organisation is any organisation which offers education or training in PCE at any level) This low fee just covers the cost of the Journal but not our administration costs, which is why the Board is requesting Member training organisations to play a part. If you wish your students to receive the benefits of World Association membership for

2003, please:

- a) Provide a list of names, home and email addresses of students who wish to become members.
- b) Collect EUR35 from each student (plus an addition for currency exchange, if appropriate).
- c) Send the total amount in euros, together with the list, to the Swiss office. (There is a form on the website which can be used to fax or post credit card payments)

Training Organisations Please Note that the fees for organisational membership are calculated according to the number of staff of the department/training organisation directly involved in psychotherapy /counselling training.

Reduced Membership for Couples

The Board has decided to create a reduced membership for couples who wish only to receive one copy of the Journal. The dues for couple membership will be EUR70. Couples can register and pay online. Both partners are entitled to the conference reduction.

Training Organisations

As part of our continuing effort to make our existence known, the World Association would like to write to graduating students. Any training organisation (not just those in Membership), which wishes its successful students to receive a letter of congratulation from the World Association, by email, should send a list of graduating students, together with their email addresses, to contact@pce-world.org.

PCE Conference 2003.

Good progress is being made with the organisation of the 6th World Conference on Person Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counselling, to be held from July 6-11 in Egmond aan Zee, Holland. The conference theme will be ***'Process Differentiation and Person-Centeredness'***.

Keynote speakers will be Les Greenberg, Dave Mearns, Rainer Sachse, Peter F Schmid and Hans Swildens.

Look out for up-to-date information on the WAPCEPC website www.pce-world.org/pce2003.htm.

Members who have paid their dues for 2003 will be entitled to a reduction of E50 on the conference fee.

The PCE Conference will also host the General Meeting of the World Association. Items for the first provisional agenda may be submitted from January 2003 and must be received by March 31 at the latest so that the membership can be given an opportunity to consider them before the General Assembly. Items submitted after this

date will be added to the second provisional agenda and will be discussed at the General Assembly if time and their importance allow. Further details will be given in the next Newsletter.

Advance Notice

Elections to the Board of the World Association will be held in 2003 and results announced at the General Meeting and in the Newsletter. Nominations may be submitted from November 2002 but must be received by 28 February at the latest. Candidates, and their proposers and seconders, must be fully paid-up members of the Association. If you wish to vote for the new Board and, of course, on any resolutions put to the General Assembly, you will need to be a member in 2003. Election rules can be found under Statutes on the website. Further details will be given in the next Newsletter.

Journal

Work on the journal, *Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies*, is now in an advanced stage. The co-editors (Robert Elliott, Dave Mearns and Peter F.Schmid) have come to an agreement with the publisher, PCCS Books, on format, costs and publication dates. Within the next two months the combined issue 1 and 2, 160 pages of newly published papers, will be arriving on your doorstep.

In this new journal we are trying to create a dialogue among different parts of our tradition, to inform, support and challenge each other and to stimulate our creativity and impact in a broader professional, scientific and political context. Thus, the mission of the journal is to encourage and disseminate worldwide, new work on Person-Centered and Experiential therapies, including philosophy, theory, practice, training and research. The journal will not give preference to any parts of the world, nor to any philosophical or theoretical emphases within the approach, but will instead seek to increase our awareness and appreciation of each other's contributions. As an international journal, *Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies* will appear in English, but will fully recognize the major contributions of non-English speaking countries. Thus, the journal will publish abstracts of all articles in up to four languages: English, Spanish and German and, if appropriate, the language of the submitter. In addition, there will be a book review section.

Visit the website (www.pce-world.org) for a preview of the journal design and its content.

Publicity and Recruitment.

One of the first tasks of the Board was the publication of a flyer describing the Goals and Principles of WAPCEPC. Many of you will have seen this leaflet; so far we have distributed nearly 8000! At the various conferences this summer many new members joined.

The majority of members are from Europe; in the coming year we will concentrate our efforts on making links with other parts of the world. ***We welcome any information about possible contacts in Eastern Middle Europe, Eastern Europe,***

South America, Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the African continent. Do you know of anyone, individual or organisation, who could be interested in becoming a member? Contact us on: [**secretariat@pce-world.org**](mailto:secretariat@pce-world.org).

A major development has been the on-line registration and payment facility via the website. However, we still have a number of members who have not yet paid their dues!

Administrative Procedures

One of the most time consuming tasks of the Board is the development of administrative procedures: management of the membership office, budgeting and developing procedures for the election of future Board members and the selection of venues for the PCE conferences. Our aim was to design procedures which are transparent and allow maximum participation of the members. Exact details can be found on the website:

Website.

The website gives up-to-date information and news about the World Association and about activities, developments and contacts world wide.

One of our projects in the coming year is to collect information about training and research. Your help is crucial! Please send any information about PCE events and other relevant news to: webmaster@pce-world.org

Conferences

In 2002 we have been celebrating the centenary of Carl Rogers. There have been a number of events worldwide, including a sub-symposium of the 3rd World Congress of Psychotherapy in Vienna, entitled '**Carl Rogers 1902-2002**' - the biggest symposium in the Congress. Among the many eminent speakers were World Association board members Germain Lietaer and Peter F. Schmid and the co-editor of our Journal, Dave Mearns. The sub-symposium was organised by the Austrian PCE Associations and one of the organisers, Elisabeth Zinschitz, translated tirelessly for both German and English speakers.

The first national conference of the British Association for the Person-Centred Approach (BAPCA) took place in September. Entitled 'Dialogue', the conference included two interesting and successful dialogues, one between Ernesto Spinelli and Tony Merry and the second between Mary Hendricks-Gendlin and Marge Witty. Each dialogue explored the differences and commonalities between the Person-Centred and Existential and Experiential approaches respectively.

Other meetings included, in France, *Carl Rogers: Centenaire de sa naissance, vitalité et de sa presence* and in the US *Carl R. Rogers Symposium 2002*, attended by 300 delegates from all over the world and *The 17th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Development of the Person-Centered Approach (ADPCA)*.

In October there will be the 'Latin American Encounter' in Brazil.

For information about PCE events visit the website.

Erratum: In the last Newsletter, the Sage website was given incorrectly. The correct URL is: www.sagepub.com

Finally..

- **Remember to pay your membership dues for 2003**
- **Send us information about events, developments and publications**
- **Keep us up-to-date with address changes**
- **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: New Year 2003. Send us news you want to have included, or responses to this newsletter: newsletter@pce-world.org.**