

# NETWORK OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATIONS FOR PERSON-CENTRED COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

## (NEAPCCP)

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### STATUTES

The Network was founded on 27 September 1998, in the City of Luxembourg on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of European Person-/Client-Centred Organisations in Luxembourg. The Statutes in their present form were agreed at the 2nd General Assembly on 26 September 1999 in Athens, Greece.

### I. Principles

1. The aim of the Network is to provide a European-wide forum for those professionals who have
  - o a commitment to the primary importance in therapy of the relationship between therapist and client,
  - o an essential trust in the experiential world of the client and its centrality for the therapeutic endeavour,
  - o a belief in the efficacy of the conditions and attitudes conducive to therapeutic movement first postulated by Carl Rogers and a commitment to their active implementation within the therapeutic relationship,
  - o a commitment to an understanding of both clients and therapists as persons who are at one and the same time individuals and in relationship with others and with their environment,
  - o an openness to the elaboration and development of person-centred and experiential theory in the light of current and future practice and research.
2. This is in line with the principles of the World Association for Person-Centered Counseling and Psychotherapy (WAPCCP) and in accordance with the non-discrimination accord valid within the framework of the European Union.

### II. Goals

The Network has the following goals:

- o to further co-operation between person-centred associations and institutions in Europe, especially in the field of psychotherapy and counselling, e. g. through common projects

- o to support/facilitate European person-centred associations, institutions and individuals in their work,
- o to promote the person-centred paradigm and to support and encourage the scientific study as well as the improvement of practice in this paradigm, specifically in the field of psychotherapy and counselling,
- o to engage in socio-political processes to ensure the continued contribution of the paradigm in health, social insurance, education, academic contexts etc.,
- o to have a commitment to support and/or organize European PCA conferences,
- o to foster the exchange of research, theory and practice among a variety of language groups through existing journals and other means,
- o to exchange ideas with other psychotherapeutic and counselling orientations and to stimulate co-operation in the field of psychotherapy and counselling,
- o to work together closely with the WAPCCP and other person-/client-centred associations
- o and to work together with the European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP), the European Association for Counselling (EAC) and other key associations.

### III. Means

1. The purpose of the association will be realized through idealistic and material means.
2. Idealistic means are lectures, meetings, publications etc. Material means are admission fees, annual membership fees, contributions, donations, conference fees and other proceeds.

### IV. Structure

1. The structure of the Network corresponds to person-centred principles.
2. The Network invites into its membership existing national person-/client-centred and experiential organisations, training institutes and other institutions in Europe which

- adhere to its principles and its goals (see I. and II.),
- are committed to clearly defined ethical standards,
- have a commitment to psychotherapy and counselling training and/or further training according to state of the art person-centered training standards and national (if these exist) psychotherapy and/or counselling training standards.

As far as psychotherapy, according to the EAP (European Association for Psychotherapy) regulations, is concerned, members acknowledge the standards of the EAP and, if not yet met, aim towards fulfilling them within a given period of time.

As far as counselling, according to the EAC (European Association for Counselling) regulations, is concerned, members acknowledge the standards of the EAC and, if not yet met, aim towards fulfilling them within a given period of time.

3. Persons or organisations, who, through personal or organizational effort and/or financial support, promote the interests of NEAPCCP, can become Honorary Members on decision of the General Assembly.
4. The principle of local autonomy is maintained. The authority of the Network can only be applied to its composition, to its way of working together and to its external relationships. It also applies to questions concerning the European Certificate of Psychotherapy. Any other decisions limiting the rights of national organisations require the ratification of the Members to become effective.

## V. General Assembly

1. The General Assembly, consisting of the Delegates of the Members of the Network, takes all essential decisions.
2. Decisions are made unanimously whenever possible, as striving for consensus and compromise is an essential part of the self-understanding of person-centred principles in action.
3. Each Member can send up to two Delegates. The Delegates of one organisation have to agree on their vote on behalf of their organisation.
4. Network Members with up to 100 points have one vote, up to 1000 points two votes, with more than 1000 points three votes. (In figuring out the points members of a Network Member who have finished their training and do psychotherapeutic work as therapists or counsellors according to national regulations count for 1 point, other members of a Network Member, including trainees, count for half a point.)

## VI. Board

1. The Board consists of four to six people.
2. The functions of the Board are threefold. Firstly to carry out the decisions and policies of the NEAPCCP agreed in the General Assembly, secondly to manage ongoing matters and thirdly to

deal with matters which may arise between meetings of the General Assembly if necessary.

3. The tasks of the Board include:
  - preparing the General Assembly
  - admitting new Members who have fulfilled the membership requirements (see IV.2.)
  - presenting a statement of the annual accounts and determining the budget for the next year, subject to the approval of the General Assembly
  - presenting a report of its work during the last year to the General Assembly.

## VII. Auditors

1. The General Assembly elects two auditors from different associations biannually.
2. Their task is to examine all the financial affairs, including the annual financial statements of the NEAPCCP.

## VIII. Membership Fee

1. The Members pay a membership fee to meet the expenses of the NEAPCCP.
2. The level of the membership fee is decided by the General Assembly.

## IX. Dissolution

1. The dissolution of the NEAPCCP needs a two thirds majority in the General Assembly if a consensus cannot be reached.
2. In the event of the dissolution of the NEAPCCP all money, goods or property owned by the NEAPCCP, after satisfaction of all proper debts and liabilities, is transferred to the World Association for Person-Centered Counseling and Psychotherapy (WAPCCP) or a similar association, if the WAPCCP does not exist.

## THE MEMBERS OF THE NEAPCCP

*as of September 24, 1999*

**AFP-ACP** (Association Française de Psychothérapie dans l'Approche Centrée-sur-la-Personne) France

**AFPC** (Association Francophone de Psychothérapie Centrée-sur-la-Personne et Expérientielle) Belgium

**AFTCP** (Association Francophone de Thérapie Centrée sur la Personne) regional

**APG/IPS** (Institut für Personzentrierte Studien der APG) Austria

**APPCPC** (Associação Portuguesa de Psicoterapia Centrada na Pessoa e de Counselling) Portugal

**BAPCA** (British Association for the Person-Centred Approach) United Kingdom

**GPF** (Gesellschaft für personenzentrierte Psychotherapie a Forschung) Luxemburg

**GWG** (Gesellschaft für wissenschaftliche Gesprächspsychotherapie ) Germany

**HAPCA** (Hellenic Association of Person-Centered Approach) Greece

**ÖGWG** (Österreichische Gesellschaft für wissenschaftliche, klientenzentrierte Psychotherapie und personorientierte Gesprächsführung) Austria

**PCA** (Person-Centered Association in Austria) Austria

**PCA** Institut Praha - Czech Republic

**SGFK** (Schweizerische Gesellschaft für klienten- und körperzentrierte Theorie und Praxis) Switzerland

**SGGT/SPCP** (Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Gesprächstherapie und personenzentrierte Beratung) Switzerland

**TCPCA** (Training Centre for the Person-Centred Approach) Greece

**VCgP** (Vereniging voor Cliëntgerichte Psychotherapie) The Netherlands

**WCgP** (Vlaamse Vereniging voor cliëntgerichte psychotherapie) Belgium

## THE BOARD OF THE NEAPCCP 1999/2000

**Peter F. Schmid**, APG/IPS, Austria: co-ordinator, representative for foreign affairs and external relations

**João Hipólito**, APPCPC, Portugal: representative for foreign affairs and external relations, contact person for the next meeting

**Paulus Wacker**, GWG, Germany: contact person to EAP and EAC

**Raimund Dörr**, SGGT/SPCP, Switzerland: treasurer, secretary for correspondence issues

**Anne Wunderle**, SGGT/SPCP, Switzerland: secretary for membership issues, secretary for correspondence issues

**Pavlos Zarogiannis**, PCA, Greece: contact person for the next meeting

### Seminar mit Dr. med. Jobst Finke

## "REFLECTING OF FEELINGS" EMOTIONEN ALS LEITLINIE DES EINFÜHLENDEN VERSTEHENS

*Zeit: 19. 5. 2000 - 21. 5. 2000*

*Ort: IPGP, 1180 Wien, Staudgasse 7*

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### Jour fixe mit Dr. med Jobst Finke

*Eine Veranstaltung von Forum/APG und ÖGWG/RZ Wien*

## BEZIEHUNGSKONZEPTE IN DER PERSONENZENTRIERTEN PSYCHOTHERAPIE

*Zeit: 18. 5. 2000, 20 Uhr*

*Ort: IPGP, 1180 Wien, Staudgasse 7*

*Kostenbeitrag: öS 150.-*